RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,
AND
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program Subscribers

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, provides that a matching agreement shall remain in effect only for such period, not to exceed eighteen (18) months, as the Data Integrity Board of the agency determines is appropriate.

Within three (3) months prior to the expiration of such an agreement, the Data Integrity Board of the agency may, without additional review, renew the matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for not more than one (1) year if: (i) such program will be conducted without any change; and (ii) each party to the agreement certifies to the board in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D).

The following meets the conditions for renewal.

I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM: Lifeline and Other Federal Connectivity Benefit Programs Computer Matching Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Human Services

II. RECIPIENT AGENCIES: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

III. SOURCE AGENCY: Tennessee Department of Human Services (TN DHS)

IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC’s Lifeline program and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Since participation in such program makes individuals eligible for the Lifeline program, 47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a)(2), and/or the ACP, 47 C.F.R. § 54.1800(j), the automated matching undertaken through this agreement is a cost-effective and efficient way to verify that an individual may receive the benefits of these programs.

TN DHS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP eligibility under Tennessee Code Annotated § 71-5-304(5). TN DHS maintains the case records and confidential personally identifiable information (PII) of individual applicants and recipients for SNAP.

V. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT

The current effective period of the matching agreement is October 6, 2022 through April 5, 2024.

VI. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT

Upon execution of the certification by the parties and approval of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective period is renewed for the period of April 6, 2024 through April 5, 2025.

VII. AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As designated representatives of the agencies participating in the matching program, we certify that:
(i) the matching program will be conducted without change; and (ii) the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the current agreement.

A. Source Agency


Charles Bryson
Assistant Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Human Services
January 17, 2024

B. Recipient Agencies


Tim O’Brien
Vice President, Lifeline
Universal Service Administrative Company

01/31/2024
Date

MARK STEPHENS
Mark Stephens
Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission

Date
VIII. DATA INTEGRITY BOARD APPROVAL

On behalf of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, respectfully, I approve the renewal of the current agreement.

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Elliot S. Tarloff
Chairman, Data Integrity Board
Federal Communications Commission

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Date