

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,
AND
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Verification of Eligibility of 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. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C).

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: Federal Telecommunications Benefit Computer Matching Agreement with Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Revenue.”

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

III. SOURCE AGENCY: Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR)

IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC and USAC with information about whether an individual participates in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid, or through use of the Agencies’ data to verify household income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (Income Verification). Since participation in such programs or qualification through Income Verification makes individuals eligible for the FCC’s Affordable Connectivity Program (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 the ACP.

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, and pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the FCC and USAC, USAC is the Administrator of the ACP. See 47 U.S.C. § 1752(i)(5).

The DHS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP, SSI, Medicaid, and Income Verification eligibility under Chapters 46 and 49 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and Chapters HA 3, DHS 2, 10 and 101 through 109 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code; and Chapter 15 of title 44, United States Code, Federal Register Title 7 Subtitle B Chapter II Subchapter C. The DHS maintains the case records and confidential personally identifiable information (PII) of individual applicants and recipients for SNAP, SSI, Medicaid, and Income Verification.

The DOR is responsible for the oversight and supervision of its respective systems under § 73.03 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and providing a binary yes/no response only to DHS.

V. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT

The current effective period of the matching agreement is May 3, 2021 through November 2, 2022.

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 November 3, 2022 through November 2, 2023.

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

B. Recipient Agencies

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Acting Vice President, Lifeline
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10/5/2022
Date

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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.

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

Date