

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,
AND
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline 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 year if: (1) such program will be conducted without any change; and (2) 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)(C) and (D).

The following meets the conditions for renewal.

I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM: Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline Program Subscribers

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

SOURCE AGENCY: Georgia Department of Human and Services, Department of Children and Family Services (DHS)

IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC's Lifeline program, as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Since participation in such programs makes individuals eligible for the Lifeline program, 47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a)(2), 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 Lifeline program.

Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the FCC to establish federal universal support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program for low-income consumers. 47 U.S.C. § 254(b). The FCC has appointed USAC as the permanent Administrator of the federal USF support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.701-717.

DHS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP eligibility under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 49-4-16(b). 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 June 24, 2019 through November 24, 2020.

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 24, 2020 through November 24, 2021.

VII. AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As designated representatives of the agencies participating in the matching program, we certify that: (1) the matching program will be conducted without change and (2) the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the current agreement.

A. Source Agency

B. Recipient Agency



Tom C Rawlings (Oct 26, 2020 08:36 EDT)



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Services, Division of Children and
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James Lee
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Oct 26, 2020

Oct 23, 2020

Date

Date

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.

This renewal agreement shall remain in effect from November 24, 2020 through November 24, 2021.

Margaret Drake
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board
Federal Communications Commission

Date