

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE
VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR
MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE
UNDER
THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT
THROUGH A VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION PLAN**

CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2018-06
Department of Health and Human Services No. 1807

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), a computer matching agreement may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C). Within 3 months prior to the expiration of the agreement, however, the relevant Data Integrity Board(s) (DIB(s)) may, without additional review, renew the agreement for a period not to exceed one additional year, if:

1. the matching program will be conducted without any change; and
2. each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB(s) in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(0). Only a "significant" change precludes renewal and requires a new agreement. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108 at section 8.b.

The following matching program meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and recipient agency officials:

I. TITLE OF MATCHING PROGRAM:

Computer Matching Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA) for the Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through a Veterans Health Administration Plan

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II. PARTIES TO THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Recipient Agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Source Agency: The Department of Veterans Affairs

III. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

This renewal agreement extends the computer matching agreement identified in Section I above (the CMA) which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which the VHA discloses information to CMS in connection with the administration of Insurance Affordability Programs under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) (collectively, ACA) and its implementing regulations.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Effective Date: November 2, 2018
Expiration Date: May 1, 2020

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: May 2, 2020
New Expiration Date: May 1, 2021

VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CMA:

By this renewal, VHA and CMS make the following changes to the CMA that do not constitute significant changes under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and section 8.b of OMB Circular A-108

1. In Article XIV, "Persons to Contact," delete all contacts in their entirety and replace them with the following:

A. The VHA contacts are:

1. Project Coordinator

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2. Privacy Issues

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B. The CMS contacts are:

1. Program Issues

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3. Systems and Security

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4. Privacy and Agreement Issues

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VII. VETERAN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION SIGNATURES

Source Agency Certification:

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, accepts and expressly agrees to the terms and conditions expressed herein, confirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the organization to the terms of this Agreement.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory who electronically signs this renewal agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

A. Veterans Health Administration Approving Officials

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Dionne Dent-Lockett, MS, SHRM-CP
Director, Health Eligibility Center
VHA Member Services, Department of Veterans Affairs

Date 01/31/2020

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Deputy CIO, Account Manager for
Health Department of Veterans

Date _____

B. U.S Department of Veterans Affairs Data Integrity Board Official

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, based on the signed Source Agency Certification and the signed Recipient Agency Certification, I approve renewal of this matching program for one additional year.



James P. Gfrerer

Chairman, Data Integrity Board

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Date 02/14/2020

VIII. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES

Recipient Agency Certification:

A. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Officials

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, accepts and expressly agrees to the terms and conditions expressed herein, confirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the organization to the terms of this Agreement.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory who electronically signs this renewal agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

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Jeffrey D. Grant
Deputy Director for Operations
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date _____

Karen M. Shields-S

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Karen Shields

Deputy Director

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date _____

B. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Approving Official

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

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Michael E. Pagels -S

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Michael Pagels

Director

Division of Security

Privacy Policy and Governance, and

Acting Senior Official for Privacy

Information Security and Privacy Group

Office of Information Technology

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date _____

C. U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Data Integrity Board Official

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, based on the signed Source Agency Certification and the signed Recipient Agency Certification, I approve renewal of this matching program for one additional year.



Scott W. Rowell
Chairperson, HHS Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Date 3.16.2020