RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
FOR
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE VETERAN AFFAIRS'
SEEK TO PREVENT FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE INITIATIVE

CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2019-21
HHS Computer Matching Agreement No. 1905

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the
computer matching agreement may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months.
Within 3 months prior to the expiration of the agreement, however, the relevant Data
Integrity Board (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the agreement for a
period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

1. The matching program will be conducted without any changes; 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.

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 Veterans Affairs
   (VA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for
   Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for disclosure of information to
   support the Veteran Affairs’ Seek to Prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (STOP
   FWA) initiatives.

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II. PARTIES TO THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Recipient Agency: The Department of Veterans Affairs

Source Agency: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

III. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

This renewal agreement extends the computer matching agreement (CMA) identified in Section I above which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which CMS discloses information to VA. Under this matching program, VA internal and external providers will be matched against the database of Medicare providers and suppliers who have been revoked by CMS pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 424.535.

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

Effective Date: November 1, 2019
Expiration Date: May 1, 2021

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: May 2, 2021
New Expiration Date: May 1, 2022

VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CMA:

By this renewal, VA and CMS make the following non-substantive changes to the CMA:

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

A. CMS Contacts

Center for Program Integrity (CPI) contact for Program Policy Issues:

George Mills Jr.
Deputy Director
Center for Program Integrity
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Mail Stop: AR-12-57
Baltimore MD 21244
Office: 410-786-7450
CMS contact for Program Issues:

Carl Schell  
Deputy Director  
Provider Enrollment Oversight Group  
Center for Program Integrity  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Mail Stop: AR 08-03  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1849  
Office: 410-786-0986  
E-mail:  

CMS contacts for Privacy and Agreement Issues:

Walter Stone  
CMS Privacy Act Officer  
Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance  
Information Security and Privacy Group  
Office of Information Technology  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Mail Stop: N3-15-25  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1849  
Telephone: 410-786-5357  
E-mail:  

Barbara Demopoulos  
CMS Privacy Advisor  
Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance  
Information Security and Privacy Group  
Office of Information Technology  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Mail Stop: N3-15-25  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1849  
Telephone: 410-786-5357  
E-mail:  

CMS contact for Security Issues:

Leslie Reinhold  
Information System Security Officer  
Center for Program Integrity
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
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Baltimore, MD 21244-1849
Telephone: 410-786-7863
E-mail:

B. VA Contacts

VA contact for Program Policy Issues:

Susie Dossie
Executive Director, Office of Business Oversight
Office of Management
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue NW, Room 600
Washington, DC 20420
Telephone: 202-365-1033
E-mail:

VA contact for Program and Agreement Issues:

Maggie Drye
Director, Program Integrity Office
Office of Business Oversight
Department of Veterans Affairs
1615 Woodard Street
Austin, Texas 78744
Office: 512-386-2218
E-mail:

VA contact for Privacy Issues:

Stephania Griffin
Director, Information Access and Privacy Office
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20420
Office: 704-245-2492
Email:

VA contact for Security Issues:

Bryan Gunderson
Information System Security Officer
Office of Information and Technology
VII. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES

Source Agency Certification:

The authorized program officials, whose signatures appear 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. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Official

George G. Mills Jr.

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George Mills Jr.
Deputy Director
Center for Program Integrity
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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 HHS Data Integrity Board.

B. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Approving Official

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Michael Pagels, Director,
Division of Security and Privacy Policy and Governance
Senior Official for Privacy
Information Security and Privacy Group
Office of Information Technology
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
C. Data Integrity Board Certification:

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

Scott W. Rowell
Assistant Secretary for Administration and
Chairperson, HHS Data Integrity Board
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services
VIII. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SIGNATURES

Recipient Agency Certification:

The authorized officials, whose signatures appears below, accept and expressly agree to the terms and conditions expressed herein, confirm that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commit the organization to the terms of this Agreement.

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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.

A. The Department of Veterans Affairs Program Official

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Susie Dossie
Executive Director, Office of Business Oversight
Office of Management
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date
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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.

B. Department of Veterans Affairs Approving Official

Steven L. Lieberman, M.D.
Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date
C. Data Integrity Board Certification

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

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Joseph S. Stenaka, Chair
Data Integrity Board
Department of Veterans Affairs