RECERTIFICATION OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SSA Match #1052

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(o)(2), a computer matching agreement will remain in effect for a period not to exceed 18 months. Within 3 months prior to the expiration of such computer matching agreement, however, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the computer matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if:

1. such program will be conducted without any changes; and

2. each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

The following match meets the conditions for renewal by this recertification:

I. TITLE OF MATCH:

Computer Matching Agreement (SSA Match #1052)

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs/ Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA)

Source Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

III. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

This computer matching agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which SSA will disclose income tax return information to VA/VHA. VA/VHA will use the SSA information to verify eligibility for its health benefit programs. VA/VHA’s primary use of the SSA data is to verify earnings information.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH:

Effective Date: October 9, 2015
Expiration Date: April 8, 2017
V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: April 9, 2017
New Expiration Date: April 8, 2018

VI. CHANGES:

By this recertification, SSA and VA/VHA make the following non-substantive changes to the computer matching agreement:

1. In Article XVIII, "Persons to Contact," delete section A. “SSA Contacts” in its entirety and replace it with the following:

A. SSA Contacts:

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION SIGNATURES

Source Agency Certification:

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Mary Ann Zimmerman
Acting Deputy Executive Director
Office of Privacy and Disclosure
Office of the General Counsel

Date________________________________________

Data Integrity Board Certification:

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for an additional 12 months.

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Glenn Sklar
Acting Chair, Data Integrity Board
Social Security Administration

Date________________________________________
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SIGNATURES

Recipient Agency Certification:

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Angelica (Angel) Lawrence, J.D.
Director, VHA-Health Eligibility Center
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Date 3/7/2017

Data Integrity Board Certification:

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for an additional 12 months.

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Rob C. Thomas, II, Chair
Data Integrity Board
Veterans Health Administration
Department of Veterans Affairs

Date