

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (HHS/ACF),
STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGENCIES (SPAAs), AND U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA),**

“Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the Public
Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program”

***Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering
the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program***

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C), a computer matching agreement may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months. Pursuant to § 552a(o)(2)(D), within three months prior to the expiration of the computer matching agreement, 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 one additional year if:

1. the matching program will be conducted without change (meaning, without significant change, in accordance with OMB Circular A-108, at section 8.b); 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 the one-year renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and non-federal recipient agency officials:

I. Title of Match:

VA-PARIS “Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program”

II. Parties to the Match:

Source Agency: Veterans Administration (VA)
Non-Federal Agency: State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs)
Facilitating Agency: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

III. Purpose and Legal Authority of the Agreement:

This one-year renewal continues an established arrangement for a periodic computer matching program between VA as the matching agency (source of match results), ACF as the facilitating agency, and the SPAAs as the non-federal agency (recipient of match results) that will use the match results in their public assistance programs.

The matching program provides participating SPAAs with VA compensation and pension data on a periodic basis to use in determining public assistance applicants' and recipients' eligibility for benefits under Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and general assistance programs, and to use in helping relevant veterans to better understand similar benefits available through the VA which may be better alternatives. The matching program helps ensure fair and equitable treatment in the delivery of benefits attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.

The legal authority for conducting the matching program is contained in sections 402, 1137, and 1903(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 602(a), 1320b-7, and 1396b(r)).

IV. Original Effective and Expiration Dates of the Match:

Effective Date: August 30, 2020
Expiration Date: February 28, 2022

V. Renewal and Expiration Dates:

Renewal Effective Date: March 1, 2022
Renewal Expiration Date: February 28, 2023

VI. Non-Significant Changes:

By this renewal, the parties make the following non-significant changes to the computer matching agreement.

1. The below provisions are hereby added to *Article VII Security Procedures*, which breaks out the Security and Privacy Requirements and procedures for VA, SPAAs, and the DMDC:

The Privacy Act requires that each matching agreement specify procedures for ensuring the administrative, technical, and physical

security of the records matched and the results of such programs (5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(1)(G)).

Both SPAAAs and VA agree to comply with federal security and safeguarding requirements, including the Privacy Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 552a; 44 U.S.C. Chapters 35 and 36 OMB Circular A-130, Managing Information as a Strategic Resource (July 28, 2016); and OMB Memorandum M-17-12, Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information (January 3, 2017); and relevant National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) directives and guidance.

ACF will make arrangements with the DMDC to comply with federal security and safeguarding requirements for PARIS Program matches in a separate agreement (at the time of the effective date of this CMA, through the *Computer Matching Agreement Between Department Of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center, State Public Assistance Agencies, And Department Of Health And Human Services, Administration For Children And Families For Verification Of Continued Eligibility For Benefits Through The Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program*, DoD-DMDC No.86, effective date October 4, 2021, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/paris/memorandum>).

Information systems used to store, access, process, or transmit records matched and information produced by the match will employ security controls consistent with those recommended by NIST, or a comparable risk management program in accordance with State law or regulation. NIST recommended security controls are described in the latest version of NIST Special Publication 800-53, "Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations" (Rev. 5 or later).

FISMA requirements apply to all Federal contractors, organizations, or sources that possess or use Federal information, or that operate, use, or have access to Federal information systems on behalf of an agency. The recipient agency is responsible for oversight and compliance of its contractors and agents. VA reserves the right to conduct onsite inspections and the right to review SPAA security documentation to manage and monitor compliance with FISMA regulations during the lifetime of this agreement.

2. In *Article XIII. Persons to Contact*, the contact information is updated as follows:

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PARIS SPAA List

3. The following are new contact points for updated state contact; Ohio and Washington D.C.

- District of Columbia Department of Human Services
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

A. Program Certification

As one of two authorized representatives of the Veterans Administration, 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 change for one additional year, subject to the approval of the Veterans Administration's Data Integrity Board.

_____/s/_____
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Executive Director, VBA Compensation Service
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Date
01/04/2022

Program Certification (continued)

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_____/s/_____
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_____/01/11/2022_____
Date

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

B. Data Integrity Board Approval

Having jurisdiction and oversight over the Veterans Administration's participation in this matching agreement, upon consideration of the foregoing certifications of the source and recipient agencies named herein that: (1) the subject matching program will continue without change for one additional year; and (2) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties, the Data Integrity Board for the Veterans Administration hereby approves the renewal of the computer matching agreement among the Veterans Administration, State Public Assistance Agencies, and Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, titled "Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program," (VA-PARIS)."

_____/s/_____
Joseph Stenaka
Chair, Data Integrity Board
Department of Veterans Affairs
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_____/02/03/2022_____
Date

Program Official for Health and Human Services

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, agrees to the terms and conditions as set forth herein, affirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the respective organizations to the terms of this agreement.

_____/s/_____
Date: 02/11/2022

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