EXTENSION OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
AND
STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGENCIES (SPAAs)

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, extend 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 an extension by this recertification:

I. TITLE OF MATCH:

Computer Matching Agreement Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the State Public Assistance Agencies.

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

Recipient Agency: State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs)

Source Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (VA/VBA)

III. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT:

The Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, oversees the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS). PARIS project activities include promoting information disclosures to aid SPAAs in determining eligibility for and ensuring fair and equitable treatment in the delivery of benefits attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government. Such activities include facilitating computer matching which results in disclosures to SPAAs of information about beneficiaries who receive Veterans’ Compensation and Pension benefits.

This computer matching agreement is subject to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, may remain in effect for such period, not to exceed 18 months, as the Data Integrity Board(s) of
the participating agencies determine is appropriate. However, the Data Integrity Board(s) may extend the agreement for a period not to exceed 12 additional months if: (1) such program will be conducted without change and (2) each party to the agreement certifies to the Board(s) in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH:

Effective Date: August 24, 2015
Expiration Date: February 24, 2017

V. EXTENSION AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Extension Date: February 24, 2017
New Expiration Date: February 24, 2018

VI. CHANGES:

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

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Date
12/6/2016
FOR VA:

Data Integrity Board Approval:

The VA Data Integrity Board hereby approves a twelve-month extension of the PARIS
VA/SPAA CMA initially approved on May 6, 2015 and thereby extends the agreements for
twelve months after the current expiration date.

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Rob C. Thomas, II
Chair, Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VIII. STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGENCIES:

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 VA Data Integrity Board.

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