

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND 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**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services No. 2021-06
Department of Health and Human Services No. 2103**

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 Data Integrity Board(s) (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the computer matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed more than 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)(D). Only a “significant” change precludes renewal and requires a new agreement, notice and reporting. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108, Sec. 8.b.

This matching agreement 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 (CMA) between the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and 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.

HHS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2103
 CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2021-06

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Recipient Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (HHS/CMS)

Source Agency: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA)

III. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

This renewal agreement extends the CMA identified in Section I, which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which VHA will disclose 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.

Through this matching program, the VHA provides CMS with data verifying whether an individual who is applying for private health insurance coverage under a qualified health plan and for advance payment of the premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions is eligible for coverage under a VHA health plan. CMS, in its capacity as operator of the Federally-facilitated Exchange and the Federal enrollment and eligibility platform, will use VHA's information to verify an Applicant's enrollment in minimum essential coverage through a VHA Health Care Program for the purpose of making Eligibility Determinations, including Eligibility Determinations for which HHS is responsible under 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 155.302.

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

Effective Date: May 2, 2021
 Expiration Date: November 1, 2022

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: November 2, 2022
 New Expiration Date: November 1, 2023

VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT:

By this renewal, VHA and CMS make the following non-significant 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:

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

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VII. VETERANS 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 using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document 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 be conducted 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 Official

STACEY ECHOLS
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Stacey Echols
Director, Health Eligibility Center
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Date _____

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Lloyd Thrower
Deputy CIO, Account Manager for Health
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Date _____

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

As Chairperson 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.



John D. Oswalt
105322

John Oswalt
Chairman, Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Date 08/23/2022

VIII. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES

Recipient 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 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 be conducted 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

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Jeff Grant
Deputy Center and Operations Director
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B. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Official

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Sara Vitolo
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Date _____

C. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Approving Official

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Michael Pagels, Director
Division of Security Privacy Policy and Governance, and
Senior Official for Privacy
Information Security and Privacy Group
Office of Information Technology
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date _____

D. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Data Integrity Board Official

As Chairperson 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.

Cheryl Campbell

Cheryl Campbell
Chairperson
HHS Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Date _____