

**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. 2022-21
Department of Health and Human Services No. 2201**

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 relevant Data Integrity Board(s) (DIB(s)) may, without additional review, renew the agreement for a period not to exceed one additional year, if:

1. The matching 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.

See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C)(D). Only a “significant” change precludes renewal and requires a new agreement. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108 at section 8.b.

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 THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for Disclosure of Information to Support the Veteran Affairs’ Seek to Prevent Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Initiative.

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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 the CMS discloses information to the 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VA internal and external providers will be matched against the database of Medicare providers and suppliers who have been revoked by CMS pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 424.535.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: May 2, 2022
Expiration Date: November 1, 2023

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES

Renewal Date: November 2, 2023
New Expiration Date: November 1, 2024

VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CMA

By this renewal, VA 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.

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

A. The Department of Veterans Affairs – Office of Management:

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 changes for an additional 12 months.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by 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.

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


Date _____

B. The Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Health Administration:

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 changes for an additional 12 months.

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

Date _____

C. The Department of Veterans Affairs 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 changes for an additional 12 months.

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John Oswalt
Chair, Data Integrity Board
Department of Veterans Affairs

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VIII. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES

A. CMS Program Approval:

As the approving representative of the program 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 changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Zabeen Chong, Director
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B. CMS 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 changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Leslie Nettles, Deputy Director
Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance, and
Acting Senior Official for Privacy
Information Security & Privacy Group
Office of Information Technology
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C. HHS 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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Cheryl Campbell
Chairperson
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