# RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FINANCIAL SERVICES CENTER NATIONWIDE VENDOR FILE DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE DO NOT PAY BUSINESS CENTER

Effective Date: August 20, 2024 Expiration Date: August 19, 2027

The purpose of this renewal Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) between Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Financial Services Center (FSC), Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division will conduct a computer matching agreement with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service), Do Not Pay Business Center to provide identifying information through the Treasury Working System. The information will be used to determine whether an individual or entity is eligible to receive federal payments, contract awards, or other benefits, including reducing duplicate payments to vendors and beneficiaries, verifying that beneficiaries submitting claims are not deceased, collecting debt owed to federal or state governments, and suspending or revoking payments as needed.

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) and 31 U.S.C. § 3354 - Do Not Pay Initiative sec. 3354 (1)(C)(ii) and 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D), "during the 3-month period ending on the date on which the agreement is scheduled to terminate, may be renewed by the executive agencies entering the agreement for not more than 3 years". 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 3 years , if:

- 1. The subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and
- 2. The subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years.

See 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(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) section 8.b of OMB Circular A-108.

The following 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. <u>TITLE OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT</u>

CMA between VA FSC, Commercial Operations Division, Nationwide Vendor File Division and Treasury Fiscal Service for the Do Not Pay Business Center Register 86 Fed. Reg. 137 (July 21, 2021) VA FSC, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division No. 2020-04

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) No. 2004

#### II. <u>PARTIES TO THE MATCHING AGREEMENT</u>

Recipient Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs, Financial Services Center, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division

Source Agency: U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service

#### III. RESTRICTED DATA SOURCES

VA, FSC, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division will continue to have access to the following restricted data sources for an additional 3 years:

- List of Excluded Individuals and Entities (LEIE) verifies whether payments are to individuals and entities currently excluded from participating in federal health care program.
- System for Award Management (SAM) Entity Registration contains entity registration data publicly available under the Freedom of Information Act for those entities registered in SAM to do business with the federal government.
- SAM Exclusions Record Restricted contains the data for all active exclusion records entered by the federal government identifying those parties excluded from receiving federal contracts, certain subcontracts, and federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits.

#### IV. <u>PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT</u>

This renewal agreement extends the computer matching agreement identified in Section I above (the CMA), which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards and procedures under which the VA, FSC, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division will determine whether an individual or entity is eligible to receive federal payments, contract awards, or other benefits, including reducing duplicate payments to vendors and beneficiaries, verifying that beneficiaries submitting claims are not deceased, collecting debt owed to federal or state governments, and suspending or revoking payments as needed.

#### V. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT

Effective Date: August 20, 2021 Expiration Date: August 19, 2024

## VI. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES

Renewal Date: August 20, 2024 Expiration Date: August 19, 2027

#### VII. <u>NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMPUTER MATCHING</u> <u>AGREEMENT</u>

By this renewal Treasury, Fiscal Service and VA, FSC, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division make the following 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 XV, "**Persons to Contact**," delete all contacts in their entirety and replace with the following:

Department of Treasury Contacts:

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Letitia Malloy Senior Privacy Analyst, Do Not Pay Business Center Bureau of the Fiscal Service Department of the Treasury Office: (202) 874-6971 Email: Letitia.Malloy@fiscal.treasury.gov

<u>Financial Services Center Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor</u> <u>File Division Contacts</u>:

Pamela Smith Privacy Officer Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Services Center Phone: (512) 937-4824 E-mail: vafscprivacyofficer@va.gov

Robert Toney Director, Financial Operations Service Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Services Center Phone: (512) 460-5194 E-mail: <u>robert.toney@va.gov</u>

#### VIII. <u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE</u> <u>SIGNATURES</u>

A. U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service Agency Certification:

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years.

**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.

Lisa M. Andre

Digitally signed by Lisa M. Andre Date: 2024.05.28 08:57:05 -04'00'

Lisa Andre Director, Office of Payment Integrity Bureau of the Fiscal Service Department of the Treasury Date:

B. U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Agency Certification:

As Chief Privacy Officer of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years.

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Digitally signed by David J. Ambrose David J. Ambrose Digitally signed by David J. Ambrose Date: 2024.05.29 10:33:01 -04'00'

Date

David Ambrose Chief Security Officer Chief Privacy Officer Bureau of the Fiscal Service Department of the Treasury C. U.S. Department of Treasury Bureau of the Fiscal Service Data Integrity Board Certification:

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years.

Digitally signed by Ryan A. Law Ryan A. Law Date: 2024.06.13 10:13:27 -04'00' Rvan Law

June 13, 2024

Date

Chairperson, Treasury DIB Deputy Assistant Secretary for Privacy, Transparency, and Records

#### IX. <u>VA FINANCIAL SERVICES CENTER, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</u> <u>DIVISION AND NATIONWIDE VENDOR FILE DIVISION SIGNATURES</u>

A. Financial Services Center, Commercial Operations Division and Nationwide Vendor File Division

As the approving representative of the agreement named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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ROBERT TONEY Date: 2024.06.03 16:30:01 -05:00

Date:

Robert Toney Director, Financial Operations Service Department of Veterans Affairs Financial Services Center

B. VA Office of Information Technology

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any changes for an additional 3 years, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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Date:

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

C. VA Data Integrity Board Certification

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching agreement was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching agreement will continue without any change for an additional 3 years.

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John Oswalt Chairperson, Data Integrity Board U.S. Department of the Veterans Affairs Date: