

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
SSA Match #1052**

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 (CMA) will remain in effect 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 such CMA, however, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the CMA 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 CMA.

*See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D).

Only a “significant change” to an existing CMA 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.

No significant changes have occurred to date, and thus 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 in section VII of this renewal:

I. TITLE OF MATCH:

CMA #1052 - *VA Tax Return Data*

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCH:

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

Source Agency: Social Security Administration (SSA)

III. PURPOSE OF THE RENEWAL:

The purpose of this renewal is to extend the terms, conditions, and safeguards of CMA # 1052 that establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which SSA will disclose tax return information to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA) in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 6103. VA/VHA will use the tax return information

to verify veterans' employment status and earnings to determine eligibility for its health benefit programs.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCH:

Effective Date: May 28, 2023  
Expiration Date: November 27, 2024

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: November 28, 2024  
New Expiration Date: November 27, 2025

VI. CHANGES:

By this renewal, SSA and VA/VHA make the following non-substantive changes to the CMA:

In Section XIX, "**Persons to Contact**," delete all contacts in their entirety and replace them with the following:

A. SSA Contacts:

**Matching Agreement Issues**

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VII. **SIGNATURES AND AGENCY CERTIFICATIONS:**

**Electronic Signature Acknowledgement:** The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. By signing this document electronically, the signatory agrees that the signature they provide has the same meaning and legal validity and effect as a handwritten signature.

A. SOURCE AGENCY SIGNATURES:

**SSA Authorizing Official**

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 CMA 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.

**Michelle Christ**

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Christ  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Michelle L. Christ  
Deputy Executive Director  
Office of Privacy and Disclosure  
Office of the General Counsel

**SSA Data Integrity Board Official**

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 CMA between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

**Matthew  
Ramsey**

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Ramsey  
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Matthew D. Ramsey  
Chair  
Data Integrity Board  
Social Security Administration

**B. RECIPIENT AGENCY SIGNATURES:**

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 CMA 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.

**VA Authorizing Official:**

**TERRENCE SMITH** Digitally signed by TERRENCE SMITH  
Date: 2024.07.09 09:26:07 -04'00' Date

Terrence N. Smith  
Director, Health Eligibility Center  
VHA Member Services  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**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 program was conducted in compliance with the existing CMA between the parties; and (2) the subject-matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

Nicholas Antonetti  
Director Data Breach Response Service  
Performing the Delegable Duties of:  
Chair of the VA Data Integrity Board

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