COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION
(Match #1008)

I. Purpose

This computer matching agreement (agreement) sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) with compensation and pension payment data necessary to administer Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Special Veterans Benefits (SVB) and to fulfill SSA's obligations for the Medicare Savings Program and Medicare Prescription Drug (Medicare Part D) subsidy (Extra Help). SSA will use VA compensation and pension payment data to verify eligibility or amount of payments for SSI and SVB recipients. SSA will also use the VA compensation and pension payment data to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for Extra Help. Additionally, SSA will use the VA compensation and pension payment data to identify individuals who may qualify for Medicare cost-sharing assistance through the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) or Extra Help to contact these individuals about the availability of these programs.

II. Legal Authority

This agreement is executed under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act (CMPPA) of 1988, Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503, 102 Stat. 2507 (1988), as amended, and the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Amendments of 1990, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.

The legal authorities for SSA to conduct this exchange are sections 806(b), 1144, 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1860D-14(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. §§ 1006(b), 1320b-14, 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f), and 1395w-114(a)(3)).

The legal authority for VA to disclose information under this agreement is section 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1383(f)), which requires Federal agencies to provide such information as the Commissioner of Social Security needs for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of benefits, or verifying other information with respect thereto.

Section 1144(a)(1) and (b)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1320b-14(a)(1) and (b)(1)) requires SSA to take actions to notify individuals about the availability of Medicare cost-sharing and subsidies for low-income individuals under Title XVIII of the Act (Medicare), including MSP and Extra Help.

Section 1860D-14(a)(3) of the Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1395w-114(a)(3)) sets forth the eligibility determination requirements for Extra Help.

III. Definitions

A. "Compensation and Pension Payment Data" means information pertaining to compensation and pension benefits paid to anyone by VA based on an individual's military service.

B. "Medicare Outreach Efforts" means SSA activities designed to identify and notify Medicare beneficiaries under section 1144 of the Act who may be eligible for medical assistance for payment of the cost of Medicare cost-sharing under the Medicaid program, as well as Extra Help. SSA provides lists of those who received notification about Medicare cost-sharing assistance to the state agencies that administer MSP.

C. "Extra Help" means the low-income subsidy assistance that Medicare beneficiaries receive under the Medicare prescription drug program if they have limited income and resources. SSA certifies to the Department of Health and Human Services that a beneficiary can receive Extra Help to pay for Medicare prescription drug plan costs, such as monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments.

IV. Responsibilities of the Parties

A. SSA

SSA will perform the following functions after the match of name, Social Security number (SSN), and date of birth (DOB) have been verified with SSA's records:

1. SSA will update its Supplemental Security Record (SSR) system of records (SOR), 60-0103, to reflect the VA compensation and pension payment data.

2. SSA will use the VA compensation and pension payment data to determine the eligibility or amount of payment for SSI or SVB recipients.

3. SSA will use the VA compensation and pension payment data to identify individuals who may be eligible for MSP or Extra Help for outreach efforts in accordance with section 1144 of the Act.

4. SSA will match VA compensation and pension payment data with data in SSA's Medicare Database SOR, 60-0321, to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for Extra Help.

5. SSA will use VA compensation and pension payment data to determine an individual's eligibility for Extra Help and to identify such individuals to the state agencies that administer MSP, unless those individuals do not consent to share their information with the state agencies.

6. SSA will provide Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with notice of this program and will publish the required matching notice in the Federal Register (Fed. Reg.).

B. VA

1. VA will disclose VA compensation and pension payment data to SSA.

2. The components responsible for this disclosure on behalf of VA are the VBA's Compensation Service and Pension and Fiduciary Service.

V. Justification and Anticipated Results

A. Justification

Sections 806(b) and 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 1006(b) and 1383(e)(1)(B)) require SSA to verify the declarations of applicants for and recipients of SSI or SVB payments concerning eligibility factors and other relevant facts with independent or collateral sources before making determinations of eligibility or payment amounts.

Section 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1383(f)) requires Federal agencies to furnish SSA with information necessary to verify SSI eligibility and amount of benefits. Section 1144 of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-14) requires SSA to conduct outreach efforts for the MSP and subsidized Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Section 1860D-14 of the Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395w-114) requires SSA to determine the eligibility of applicants who self-certify their income, resources, and family size for Extra Help. SSA is responsible for verifying, on a pre-enrollment basis, an applicant's income and resource allegations. SSA periodically redetermines the eligibility and subsidy amount for these individuals, thereafter.

SSA and VA have determined that a computer matching program is the most efficient, expeditious, and effective means for SSA to obtain and process the income and resource information from VA. This matching program will result in cost-savings for SSA, reduce the enrollment burden on Medicare beneficiaries, and expedite the enrollment process. No other administrative activity can accomplish this purpose with the same degree of efficiency.

B. Anticipated Results

The benefit to the United States Treasury of this matching operation is the correction of those cases where there is a decrease in the monthly payment amount and the prevention of future overpayments, increased accuracy of SSA's subsidy determinations, and reduced need for manual verifications by field offices of all income and resource allegations on Medicare Part D subsidy initial and

redetermination applications. Based upon the latest evaluation of the match, the total benefit of this match is $9,418,438. The cost to SSA for this matching operation is $186,654; thus, showing the matching operation to be cost-effective with a benefit-to-cost ratio of 50.5:1. Please see Attachment 1 for a copy of the full Cost-Benefit Analysis.

VI. Description of Matched Records

A. Systems of Records

VA will provide SSA with electronic files containing compensation and pension payment data from its SOR entitled the "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records-VA" (58VA21/22/28), republished with updated name at 74 Fed. Reg. 14865 (April 1, 2009), and last amended at 86 Fed. Reg. 61858 (November 8, 2021).

SSA will match the VA compensation and pension payment data with SSI/SVB payment information maintained in its SOR entitled "Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits," 60-0103, last fully published at 71 Fed. Reg. 1830 (January 11, 2006), and amended at 72 Fed. Reg. 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 Fed. Reg. 31250-31251 (July 3, 2018), 83 Fed. Reg. 54969 (November 1, 2018), 89 Fed. Reg. 825 (January 5, 2024), 89 Fed. Reg. 14554 (February 27, 2024), and 90 Fed. Reg. 53413-53415 (November 25, 2025).

SSA will also match the VA information with its Medicare Database (MDB) File, 60-0321, last fully published at 71 Fed. Reg. 42159 (July 25, 2006), and amended at 72 Fed. Reg. 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 Fed. Reg. 54969 (November 1, 2018), and 90 Fed. Reg. 53413-53415 (November 25, 2025).

The information in these SORs may be updated during the effective period of this agreement as required by the Privacy Act. The SORs involved in this matching program have routine uses permitting the disclosures needed to conduct this match.

B. Number of Records

For SSI/SVB recipients, in fiscal year 2024, SSA received 913,006 records from VA that matched the SSR, processed automated updates to 83,299 records, and made 6,244 payment adjustments. Of these 6,244 payment adjustments, SSA suspended 4,916 monthly benefit payments, decreased 1,195 monthly benefit payments, and increased 133 monthly benefit payments.

For Extra Help recipients, VA's compensation and pension payment data file will consist of approximately 7.5 million electronic records. The SSA comparison file contains approximately 110 million records obtained from the MDB. The number of people who apply for Extra Help determines in part the number of records matched.

C. Specified Data Elements

SSA will conduct the match using the SSN, name, DOB, and VA claim number on the VA file, SSR, and the MDB. Attachment 2 identifies the specific compensation and pension payment data elements that VA provides to SSA.

D. Frequency of Matching

VA will furnish SSA with an electronic file containing VA compensation and pension payment data via an encrypted monthly batch process. The actual match will take place approximately during the first week of every month.

VII. Accuracy Assessments

Previous matches with the same files indicate that the SSNs on VA records are 99 percent accurate. The VA compensation and pension data are virtually 100 percent accurate at the time of creation.

SSA does not have an accuracy assessment specific to the data elements listed in this agreement. However, SSA conducts assessments of the data in its SORs as part of its ongoing financial integrity and internal control reviews in accordance with the guidelines established in OMB Management Procedures Memorandum No. 2016-03 – *Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Implementing Data-Centric Approach for Reporting Federal Spending Information* (May 3, 2016); OMB M-17-04 – *Additional Guidance for DATA Act Implementation: Further Requirements for Reporting and Assuring Data Reliability* (November 4, 2016); and OMB M-18-16 – Appendix A to OMB Circular No. A-123, *Management of Reporting and Data Integrity Risk* (June 6, 2018). Based on these reviews which are certified by the agency's Senior Accountable Official (agency Chief Financial Officer) and by the unqualified audit opinion rendered by the agency's financial statement auditor, the agency has a reasonable assurance as to the accuracy and reliability of these data.

VIII. Procedures for Individualized Notice

SSA will notify applicants or representative payees directly at the time of application for SSI, SVB payments, or Medicare benefits, and for recipients, annually during the life of the match, that SSA will match their records against those of other agencies. SSA will periodically provide similar notices to all recipients at least once during the life of the match. SSA will provide such notice in English or Spanish with alternative options available for the blind or visually impaired. SSA will also publish a notice of this matching program in the Federal Register. The notice will conform to standards set by OMB and the SSA Data Integrity Board (DIB).

VA will notify all applicants who apply for VA benefits that VA will conduct matching programs. VA's notice consists of appropriate language printed on its application forms or a separate handout with appropriate language, when necessary. VA will provide

subsequent notices to its beneficiaries as required. VA's subsequent notice consists of appropriate language mailed by check stuffer or letter to all potentially affected beneficiaries.

IX. Verification Procedure and Opportunity to Contest

SSA will determine if the data in VA's file is consistent with the data in SSA's file(s). If the data is not consistent, SSA will contact the individual or representative payee to confirm the data.

At least 30 days (the applicable time period currently established under the SSI and SVB programs) before taking any adverse action based on the information received from the match, SSA will provide written notice to each individual or representative payee for whom SSA decides such adverse action is necessary.

Before making an unfavorable decision on an Extra Help application or redetermination based on the information received from VA, SSA will provide a written Pre-Decisional Notice (for initial Extra Help applications) to each applicant or Notice of Planned Action (for redeterminations) to each beneficiary when SSA decides such adverse action is necessary.

The written notice will inform the individual of the match findings and provide the following information:

1. SSA has received information from VA pertaining to receipt of a compensation or pension payment, which indicates that an adverse action affecting the individual's SSI, SVB, or subsidy assistance eligibility or payments is necessary.

2. In order to prevent an action to suspend or reduce benefits, the individual has 30 days (the applicable time period currently established under the SSI and SVB programs) from the date of the notice to contact SSA to contest the adverse decision and submit evidence, if required, to support a decision that benefits should not be suspended or reduced. Unless the individual notifies SSA otherwise within 30 days from the date of the notice, SSA will conclude that the data VA provides is correct and will make the necessary adjustment to the individual's SSI or SVB payment. SSA will consider failure to respond to the notice sufficient justification for taking the adverse action. SSA will permit further appeals of adverse action as described in applicable SSI and SVB instructions and regulations.

3. The individual has a specified number of days (at least 10 days) from the date of the notice to contact SSA to contest the Pre-Decisional Notice or the Notice of Planned Action and submit evidence, if required, to support a decision that SSA should award a full subsidy.

4. Unless the individual notifies SSA otherwise within the specified timeframe, SSA will conclude that the data VA provides is correct and will make the necessary adjustment

to the individual's Extra Help initial application or redetermination application, but only after a minimum of 30 days have passed since the individual received the notice. In other words, SSA will consider failure to respond to the notice sufficient justification for taking the adverse action, but will only take such action after a minimum of 30 days have passed since the individual received the notice. SSA will permit further appeals of adverse action as described in applicable instructions and regulations.

X. Procedures for Retention and Timely Destruction of Records

SSA will retain the electronic files received from VA only for the period of time required for any processing related to the matching program and will then destroy them by means of electronic erasure following VA Directive 6500, *VA Cybersecurity Program*. SSA may retain some information on particular individuals, which this matching program will generate, in order to meet evidentiary requirements. If such retention is warranted, SSA will retire the retained records in accordance with applicable Federal Records Retention Schedules (44 U.S.C. § 3303a). SSA will not create permanent files or a separate system comprised solely of the data VA provides to SSA.

XI. Security Procedures

SSA and VA will comply with the requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA), 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, Subchapter II, as amended by the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-283); related OMB circulars and memoranda, such as Circular A-130, *Managing Information as a Strategic Resource* (July 28, 2016), and Memorandum M-17-12, *Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information* (January 3, 2017); National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) directives; and the Federal Acquisition Regulations, including any applicable amendments published after the effective date of this agreement. These laws, directives, and regulations include requirements for safeguarding Federal information systems and personally identifiable information (PII) used in Federal agency business processes, as well as related reporting requirements. Both agencies recognize and will implement the applicable laws, regulations, NIST standards, and OMB directives including those published subsequently to the effective date of this agreement.

FISMA requirements apply to all Federal contractors, organizations, or entities that possess or use Federal information, or that operate, use, or have access to Federal information systems on behalf of an agency. Both agencies are responsible for oversight and compliance of their contractors and agents.

A. Breach Reporting

If either SSA or VA experiences an incident involving the suspected or confirmed breach (i.e., loss) of PII provided by SSA or VA under the terms of this agreement, they will follow the reporting guidelines issued by OMB. In the event of a suspected or confirmed PII breach, the agency experiencing the breach is responsible for following its established procedures, including notification to the proper organizations. In

addition, the agency experiencing the breach will notify the other agency's point of contact named in this agreement within one hour of discovering the breach. If VA is unable to speak with the SSA Privacy and Disclosure Policy Breach Contact within one hour or if for some other reason notifying the SSA Breach Contact is not practicable (e.g., it is outside of the normal business hours), VA will call SSA's Enterprise-IT Customer Service Desk at 1-877-697-4889. If SSA is unable to speak with VA's Information Security Contact within one hour, SSA will contact the VA Network and Security Operations Center at 1-855-673-4357, Option 6 then Option 4.

B. Breach Notification

SSA and VA will follow PII breach notification policies and related procedures issued by OMB. If the agency that experienced the breach determines that the risk of harm requires notification to affected individuals or other remedies, that agency will carry out these remedies without cost to the other agency.

VA must follow VA's data breach policies and procedures as set forth in Pub. L. 109-461, 38 C.F.R. Part 75, VA Handbook 6500, and Office of Information & Technology guidance when responding to a breach of PII.

C. Administrative Safeguards

SSA and VA will restrict access to the data matched and to any data created by the match to only those users (e.g., employees, contractors, etc.) who need it to perform their official duties in connection with the uses of the data authorized in this agreement. Further, SSA and VA will advise all personnel who have access to the data matched and to any data created by the match of the confidential nature of the data, the safeguards required to protect the data, and the civil and criminal sanctions for noncompliance contained in the applicable Federal laws.

D. Physical Safeguards

SSA and VA will store the data matched and any data created by the match in an area that is physically and technologically secure from access by unauthorized persons at all times (e.g., door locks, card keys, biometric identifiers, etc.). Only authorized personnel will transport the data matched and any data created by the match. SSA and VA will establish appropriate safeguards for such data, as determined by a risk-based assessment of the circumstances involved.

E. Technical Safeguards

SSA and VA will process the data matched and any data created by the match under the immediate supervision and control of authorized personnel in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the data, so that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve any data by computer, remote terminal, or other means. VA will transfer the data and SSA will store the data using FIPS 140-2 compliant encryption. Systems personnel

must enter personal identification numbers when accessing data on the agencies' systems. SSA and VA will strictly limit authorization to those electronic data areas necessary for authorized personnel to perform their official duties.

F. Application of Policy and Procedures

SSA and VA will adopt policies and procedures to ensure that each agency uses the information contained in their respective records or obtained from each other solely as provided in this agreement. SSA and VA will comply with these guidelines and any subsequent revisions.

G. Security Assessments

NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-37, as revised, encourages agencies to accept each other's security assessments in order to reuse information system resources and/or to accept each other's assessed security posture in order to share information. NIST SP 800-37 further encourages that this type of reciprocity is best achieved when agencies are transparent and make available sufficient evidence regarding the security state of an information system so that an authorizing official from another organization can use that evidence to make credible, risk-based decisions regarding the operation and use of that system or the information it processes, stores, or transmits. Consistent with that guidance, the parties agree to make available to each other upon request system security evidence for the purpose of making risk-based decisions. Requests for this information may be made by either party at any time throughout the duration or any extension of this agreement.

XII. Records Usage, Duplication, and Redisclosure Restrictions

A. SSA will adhere to the following limitations on the use, duplication, and disclosure of the electronic files and data that VA provides to SSA:

1. SSA will use and access the files VA provides only for the purposes described in this agreement.

2. SSA will not use the data to extract information concerning individuals therein for any purpose not specified in this agreement.

3. SSA will not duplicate or disseminate the files VA provides within or outside SSA without the written permission of VA, except as required by Federal law. Prior to making such redisclosure, SSA will give notice to VA and obtain approval of VA's DIB. VA will not give such permission unless the law requires disclosure, or the disclosure is essential to the conduct of the matching program. For such permission, SSA must specify in writing which data it requests be duplicated or disseminated and to whom, the reasons that justify such duplication or dissemination, and identify the statutory authority requiring redisclosure, or explain how the redisclosure meets the "essential" standard established under the

Privacy Act and interpreted in OMB guidance.

4. If VA data is maintained in an SSA system, SSA may be required to disclose such information, if requested by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 601(d) or the Government Accountability Office (GAO) pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 716. Both the CBO and GAO are required by Federal law to maintain the same level of confidentiality as applicable to SSA. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 603(e); 31 U.S.C. § 716(e).

B. Both parties will keep an accurate accounting of disclosures from an individual's records as required by the Privacy Act at 5 U.S.C. § 552a(c).

XIII. Comptroller General Access

The Government Accountability Office (Comptroller General) may have access to all VA and SSA data it deems necessary, in order to monitor or verify compliance with this agreement.

XIV. Reimbursement

Due to the nominal costs of services associated with providing data to SSA under this agreement, VA waives recovery of the costs pursuant to the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. § 1535). Should VA determine in the future that the cost of providing services is significant, SSA and VA may mutually agree to establish a reimbursable agreement allowing for cost adjustments.

XV. Duration, Modification, and Termination

A. Effective Date: The effective date of this agreement is May 11, 2026, provided that SSA reported the proposal to re-establish this matching program to the Congressional committees of jurisdiction and OMB in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(A) and OMB Circular A-108 (December 23, 2016), and SSA published notice of the matching program in the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(12).

B. Duration: This agreement will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

C. Renewal: The DIBs of VA and SSA may, within 3 months prior to the expiration of this agreement, renew this agreement for a period not to exceed 12 months if VA and SSA can certify to their DIBs that:

1. The matching program will be conducted without change; and

2. VA and SSA have conducted the matching program in compliance with the original agreement.

If either party does not want to continue this program, it must notify the other agency of its intention not to continue at least 90 days before the end of the period of the agreement.

D. Modification: The parties may modify this agreement at any time by a written modification, agreed to by both parties and approved by the DIB of each agency.

E. Termination: The parties may terminate this agreement at any time with the consent of both parties. Either party may unilaterally terminate this agreement upon written notice to the other party, in which case the termination shall be effective 90 days after the date of the notice, or at a later date specified in the notice.

XVI. Integration Clause

This agreement and accompanying attachments constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to its subject matter and supersede all other data exchange agreements between the parties that pertain to the disclosure of the specified VA compensation and pension benefit payment data for the purposes described in this agreement. SSA and VA have made no representations, warranties, or promises outside of this agreement. This agreement takes precedence over any other documents that may be in conflict with it, including any conflicting terms in any Interconnection Security Agreement entered into in accordance with NIST SP 800-47 governing the interconnections between information technology systems that will be utilized for the transfer of information under this agreement.

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XVIII. Signatures

The signatories below warrant and represent that they have the competent authority on behalf of their respective agencies to enter into the obligations set forth in this agreement.

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

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Attachment 1 – Cost Benefit Analysis
Attachment 2 – Record Format