

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGENCIES (SPAAs), AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA),
FACILITATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
(HHS/ACF),**

**“Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the
Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program”**

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), at subsection (o)(2)(C), a computer matching agreement may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months. Pursuant to § 552a(o)(2)(D), within three months prior to the expiration of the computer matching agreement, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) for each federal source or recipient agency may, without additional review, renew the computer matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed one additional year if:

1. the matching program will be conducted without change (meaning, without significant change, in accordance with OMB Circular A-108, at section 8.b); and
2. each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

The following match meets the conditions for the one-year renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and non-federal recipient agency officials:

I. Title of Match:

VA-PARIS “Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program”

II. Parties to the Match:

Source Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Non-Federal Agency: State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs) Facilitating
Agency: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

III. Purpose and Legal Authority of the Agreement:

This one-year renewal continues an established arrangement for a periodic computer matching program between VA as the matching agency (source of match results), ACF as the facilitating agency, and the SPAAs as the non- federal agency (recipient of match results) that will use the match results in their public assistance programs.

The matching program provides participating SPAAs with VA compensation and pension data on a periodic basis to use in determining public assistance applicants' and recipients' eligibility for benefits under Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and general assistance programs, and to use in helping relevant veterans to better understand similar benefits available through the VA which may be better alternatives. The matching program helps ensure fair and equitable treatment in the delivery of benefits attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.

The legal authority for conducting the matching program is contained in sections 402, 1137, and 1903(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 602(a), 1320b-7, and 1396b(r)).

IV. Original Effective and Expiration Dates of the Match:

Effective Date:	March 25, 2023
Expiration Date:	September 24, 2024

V. Renewal and Expiration Dates:

Renewal Effective Date:	September 25, 2024
Renewal Expiration Date:	September 24, 2025

VI. Non-Significant Changes:

By this renewal, the parties make the following non-significant changes to the computer matching agreement.

1. In *Article XIII. Persons to Contact*, the contact information is updated as follows:

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DEPARTMENT of VETERANS AFFAIRS

A. Program Certification

As one of two authorized representatives of the Veterans Administration, 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 continue without change for one additional year, subject to the approval of the Veterans Administration's Data Integrity Board.

_____/s/_____
Signature

06/25/2024_____
Date

Beth Murphy
Executive Director, VBA Compensation Service
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B. Data Integrity Board Approval

Having jurisdiction and oversight over the Veterans Administration’s participation in this matching agreement, upon consideration of the foregoing certifications of the source and recipient agencies named herein that: (1) the subject matching program will continue without change for one additional year; and (2) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties, the Data Integrity Board for the Veterans Administration hereby approves the renewal of the computer matching agreement among the Veterans Administration, State Public Assistance Agencies, and Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, titled “Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in Administering the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Program,” (VA-PARIS).”

_____/s/_____
Signature

07/31/2024_____
Date

John Oswalt
Chair, Data Integrity Board Department of Veterans
Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, D. C.
20420

Program Official for Health and Human Services

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, agrees to the terms and conditions as set forth herein, affirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the respective organizations to the terms of this agreement.

_____/s/_____
Signature Date

Kevin Duvall
Chief Technology Officer Administration for Children and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services 330 C Street, SW
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Supplementary Agreement for SPAAs

For

COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT

Among

Department Of Veterans Affairs (VA),
State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs),
and

Department of Health and Human Services,
Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ACF)
*Information Comparisons and Disclosure to Assist in
Administering the Public Assistance Reporting Information System
(PARIS) Program*

The signatory to this Supplementary Agreement authorizes the State Public Assistance Agency named below (hereafter SPAA) to continue in the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) program Veterans Affairs (VA) Match activities, as facilitated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (HHS/ ACF), in accordance with the Computer Matching Agreement among the VA, SPAAs, and HHS/ ACF expiring February 28, 2023.

The signatory asserts on behalf of the SPAA that the SPAA acknowledges (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 continue without change for one additional year, subject to the approval of the Veterans Administration’s Data Integrity Board.

By executing this document, the signatory to this Supplementary Agreement also affirms that he or she is fully authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of the SPAA.

(State & Department/Agency Name [e.g., Health and Human Services])

(Signatory Name & Title)

(Signatory Work Address)

(Signatory Work Phone Number)

(Signatory Work Email)

(Signature)

(Date)