



**The Office of Personnel Management
CY 2018 Report on Computer Matching Programs
June 2019**

I. Introduction

This report is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(u)(3)(D), and OMB Circular A-108.

II. The Data Integrity Board

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is in the process of re-establishing its Data Integrity Board. The re-established Data Integrity Board will be chaired by the Chief Privacy Officer and will include the Chief Information Officer and the Inspector General, or their designees. In addition, other senior officials, or their designees, will be included as members of the Data Integrity Board to the extent their business units have responsibility for Computer Matching Agreements.

For information about OPM's Data Integrity Board and/or the Computer Matching Agreements to which OPM is a party, please contact:

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III. CY 2018 Matching Programs

Title	Match #1045 The 18 month reestablished agreement began April 19, 2019, and expires October 18, 2020. The previous renewal expired July 15, 2018.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 10342 (March 20, 2019)
Source Agency	Social Security Administration
Recipient Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Purpose	The match enables OPM to verify the earnings of disability retirees who are under the age of 60, disabled adult child survivors, certain retirees under the Federal Employees Retirement System, and certain annuitants under the Civil Service Retirement System in order to enforce statutory earning limitations.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	The benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 15.97:1

Title	Match #1018 The 18 month reestablished agreement began April 18, 2019 and expires October 17, 2020. The previous renewal expired November 19, 2017.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 10132 (March 19, 2019)
Source Agency	Social Security Administration
Recipient Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Purpose	The match enables OPM to re-compute the benefits of certain annuitants and survivors whose benefits are based in part on post-1956 military service.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	The cost incurred to conduct the match outweighs the benefit (savings in the form of reduced annuity payments) with a benefit-cost ratio of 0.38 to 1. However, the purpose of the match is to assure annuitants receive the annuity payment to which they are entitled. OPM and SSA determined that computer matching is the only means of efficiently accomplishing this purpose.

Title	Match #1071 The 18 month reestablished agreement began April 26, 2019 and will expire October 25, 2020. The previous renewal expired February 18, 2018.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 11580 (March 27, 2019)
Source Agency	Social Security Administration
Recipient Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Purpose	The match allows OPM to obtain SSA benefit data in order to offset specific benefits for disability annuitants, children survivor annuitants, and spousal survivor annuitants under Title II of the Social Security Act, to compute the benefits correctly, and determine eligibility for benefits.



Cost-Benefit Analysis	The benefit- cost ratio is favorable for all three categories of annuitants: 169:1 for disability annuitants; 4,228:1 for children survivor annuitants; and 1,480:1 for spousal survivor annuitants.
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Title	Match #1307 The 18 month reestablished agreement began March 13, 2019 and will expire September 12, 2020. The previous renewal expired January 14, 2018.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 2941 (February 8, 2019)
Source Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Recipient Agency	Social Security Administration
Purpose	The match will enable SSA to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for a Medicare prescription drug subsidy program and identify individuals who qualify for the program.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	The benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 8.14:1.

Title	Matches # 1005, #1019, #1020, and #1021 Consolidated The 18 month reestablished agreement began March 11, 2019 and will expire September 10, 2020. The previous renewal expired April 12, 2018.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 2292 (February 6, 2019)
Source Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Recipient Agency	Social Security Administration
Purpose	The match will enable SSA to use OPM benefit and payment data to offset specific SSA benefits by a percentage of civil service benefits received, as it is legally required to do.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	A cost-benefit analysis was performed separately for each of the consolidated matching programs, with the following favorable benefit-cost ratios: Match #1005, 7.02:1; Match #1019, 8.45:1 Match #1020, 22.5:1 and Match #1021, 24.5:1

Title	CMA between the Railroad Retirement Board and the Office of Personnel Management (18-month agreement expired on March 1, 2018)
Federal Register Notice	81 FR 37218 (June 9, 2016)
Source Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Recipient Agency	Railroad Retirement Board
Purpose	The match will provide RRB with OPM benefit and payment data to verify that information provided by the RRB beneficiary is correct and to ensure that any a reduction in RRB benefits is based on the current OPM pension amount. OPM and RRB are working on the reestablishment of the match.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	The benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 4.7:1



Title	HHS Match #1608: Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through an Office of Personnel Management Health Benefit Plan The 18 month reestablished agreement became effective December 8, 2018 and expires June 7, 2020. The previous renewal expired December 31, 2018.
Federal Register Notice	83 FR 55889 (November 8, 2018)
Source Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Recipient Agency	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Purpose	CMS, in its capacity as the Federally-Facilitated Exchange, and other Administering Entities will use OPM's eligibility information to verify an Applicant's or Enrollee's eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage through an OPM Health Benefits Plan.
Cost-Benefit Analysis	CMS conducted one cost-benefit analysis to evaluate all of its matching programs related to eligibility verification under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. CMS estimates that the cost of operating this computer match with OPM was nearly \$30.6 million per year. The estimated net benefit is \$45.378 billion, for a benefit--cost ratio of 1,487.8 to 1.

IV. Adherence to CMA Terms and Continued Justification for the Disclosure of Records

OPM has adhered to the terms of each of the matching agreements set out above and the disclosure of OPM records for use in each of those matching programs continues to be justified. This includes those CMAs with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that had expired and now have been reestablished.

V. Disapproved Matching Programs

The Data Integrity Board did not disapprove any matching programs during this reporting period.

VI. Violations

No violations of any matching agreements were alleged or identified during this reporting period.