



# **U.S. Office of Personnel Management**

Annual Report on Computer Matching Programs

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## **Message from the Chair of the Data Integrity Board**

I am pleased to present the Office of Personnel Management's Annual Report on Computer Matching Programs for calendar year 2020. This report is being published pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(u)(3)(D), and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108.

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## 2020 Annual Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Report

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## Matching Programs for Calendar Year 2020

In calendar year 2020, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) reviewed and approved six renewal matching agreements. The DIB granted all requested extensions.

<b>Title</b>	Match #1045  The 12-month renewal agreement began October 20, 2020 and expires October 19, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">84 FR 10342 (March 20, 2019)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	The benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 15.97:1

<b>Title</b>	Match #1018  The 12-month renewal agreement began October 19, 2020 and expires October 18, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">84 FR 10132 (March 19, 2019)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	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.

<b>Title</b>	Match #1071  The 12-month renewal agreement began October 27, 2020 and will expire October 25, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">84 FR 11580 (March 27, 2019)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	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.

<b>Title</b>	Match #1307  The 12-month renewal agreement began September 13, 2020 and will expire September 12, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">84 FR 2941 (February 8, 2019)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	The benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 8.14:1.

<b>Title</b>	Matches # 1005, #1019, #1020, and #1021 Consolidated  The 12-month renewal agreement began September 11, 2020 and will expire September 10, 2021.
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<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">84 FR 2292 (February 6, 2019)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	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

<b>Title</b>	HHS Match #1810 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 was renewed for a 12-month extension that will expire June 7, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	<a href="#">83 FR 55889 (November 8, 2018)</a>
<b>Source Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	CMS conducted one cost-benefit analysis to evaluate all 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.

## **Adherence to CMA Terms and Continued Justification for the Disclosure of Records**

OPM 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.

## **Disapproved Matching Programs**

No matching programs were disapproved during this reporting period.

## **Violations**

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