



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 2021. 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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Matching Programs for Calendar Year 2021

In calendar year 2021, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) reviewed and approved five re-established matching agreements.

Table 1: Match #1045

Title	Match #1045 The 18-month re-establishment agreement became effective October 20, 2021 and expires April 19, 2023.
Federal Register Notice	86 FR 49577 (September 3, 2021)
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 1:0.05

Table 2: Match #1071

Title	Match #1071 The 18 month-reestablishment agreement became effective October 27, 2021 and expires April 27, 2023.
Federal Register Notice	86 FR 49578 (September 3, 2021)
Source Agency	Social Security Administration
Recipient Agency	Office of Personnel Management

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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 for disability annuitants, 158:1; children survivor benefits 4,228:1; spousal survivor annuitants 1,480:1;

Table 3: Match #1307

Title	Match #1307 The 18-month re-establishment agreement became effective September 14, 2021 and expires March 13, 2023.
Federal Register Notice	86 FR44464 (August 12, 2021)
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 402 to 1.

Table 4: Match #1018

Title	Match #1018 The 12-month renewal agreement became effective October 20, 2020 and expired October 17, 2021.
Federal Register Notice	84 FR 10132 (March 19, 2019)

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Source Agency	Social Security Administration
Recipient Agency	Office of Personnel Management
Purpose	<p>CMA 1018 was used to disclose tax return and SSA benefit information to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), to re-compute the benefits of certain annuitants and survivors whose benefits are based in part on post-1956 military service.</p> <p>On November 29, 2021, both agency representatives decided that this CMA is no longer needed. Instead, the two agencies will conduct a manual review of pertinent cases.</p>
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.

Table 5: Matches: #1005, #1019, #1020, #1021

Title	<p>Matches # 1005, #1019, #1020, and #1021 Consolidated</p> <p>The 18-month re-establishment agreement began September 11, 2021 and expires March 11, 2023.</p>
Federal Register Notice	86 FR 33011 (June 23, 2021)
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.

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Cost-Benefit Analysis	A cost-benefit analysis was performed separately for each of the consolidated matching programs, with the following cost ratios: Match #1005, 42.17:1; Match #1019, 9.38:1; Match #1020, 19.6:1 and Match #1021, 13:1.
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Table 6: Match #2104

Title	HHS Match #2104 Verification of Eligibility of Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through an Office of Personnel Management Health Benefit Plan The 18-month re-established agreement became effective June 8, 2021 and expires December 7, 2022.
Federal Register Notice	86 FR 23728 (May 4, 2021)
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 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.