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The Honorable Richard Revesz  
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Dear Mr. Revesz,

Enclosed please find the Department of Defense Annual Matching Activity Report for Calendar Year 2023. This report is made pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-108, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act."

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# **Department of Defense Annual Matching Activity Report**



**Report for  
Calendar Year 2023**

**Department of Defense (DoD)  
Annual Matching Activity Report  
for Calendar Year 2023**

In accordance with the reporting requirements established in the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-108, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act,” dated December 23, 2016, the following is provided:

a. *Current information about the composition of the Data Integrity Board, including:*

- (1) a list of the names and positions of the members of the Data Integrity Board;*
- (2) the name and contact information of the Data Integrity Board’s secretary; and*
- (3) any changes in membership or structure of the Data Integrity Board that occurred during the year.*

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There was one change to the Data Integrity Board in 2023: the Data Integrity Board's Executive Secretary changed.

- b. *A list of each matching program in which the agency participated during the year. For each matching program, the report shall include:*

*(1) A brief description of the matching program, including the names of all participating Federal and non-Federal agencies;*

See Appendix A.

*(2) The links to the matching notices and matching agreements posted on the agency's website at:*

<https://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/Matching-Agreements/>

*(3) An account of whether the agency has fully adhered to the terms of the matching agreement.*

The DoD reviewed its matching agreements to ensure compliance and determine whether a renewal or re-establishment was necessary. During this reporting period, CMA #89 lapsed and is currently being re-established. There were also short lapses on additional agreements as detailed in Appendix A. The Defense Manpower Data Center and the Data Integrity Board verified that no matching activity occurred during the lapse of any agreement during calendar year 2023. Non-significant changes and clarifications may be noted in renewal agreements.

*(4) An account of whether all disclosures of agency records for use in the matching program continue to be justified.*

The DoD reviews each matching agreement upon establishment and renewal to ensure only disclosures of Privacy Act-covered records that are necessary to the matching agreement occur. For all external disclosures, DoD ensures appropriate routine uses are in place and maintains an accurate method for accounting of disclosures.

*(5) An indication of whether a cost-benefit analysis was performed, the results of the cost-benefit analysis, and an explanation of why the agency proceeded with any matching program for which the results of the cost-benefit analysis did not demonstrate that the program is likely to be cost effective.*

A cost-benefit analysis was performed for each of the matching programs, and all were favorable or resulted in a conclusion that the match was nonetheless justified. See Appendix A and the response to section c below.

*c. For each matching program for which the Data Integrity Board waived the requirement for a cost-benefit analysis, the reasons for the waiver.*

None. A cost-benefit analysis was performed for all matching programs. In one case, the requirement of a cost-benefit analysis showing the matching program *as likely to be cost-effective* was waived for CMA #18 because the program nonetheless resulted in efficient and accurate consumer eligibility determinations, substantially reduced administrative burdens, provided significant benefit to the public by determining benefit eligibility more quickly while minimizing consumer burden, increased public trust in participating agencies, and improved overall health care delivery.

*d. A description of any matching agreement that the Data Integrity Board disapproved and the reasons for the disapproval.*

None. No agreements were disapproved by the Data Integrity Board.

*e. A description of any violations of matching agreements that have been alleged or identified, and a discussion of any action taken in response.*

None.

## DoD Annual Matching Activity Report for Calendar Year 2023

Agency	Title of Match	Timelines	Purpose	DoD Source or Recipient	Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	Federal Register Citation
Health and Human Services (HHS) / Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Disclosure of Enrollment and Eligibility Information for Military Health System Beneficiaries Who are Medicare Eligible  CMA #12	<p><b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 08/10/2021 Expired: 02/09/2023</p> <p><b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 02/10/2023 Expired: 02/09/2024</p> <p><b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 02/12/2024 Expires: 08/11/2025</p> <p><i>(Briefly lapsed on 02/10/2024, resumed on 02/12/2024)</i></p>	<p>To verify the eligibility of Military Health System (MHS) beneficiaries who are Medicare eligible to receive TRICARE benefits. 10 U.S.C. § 1086(d) requires DoD to discontinue military health care benefits for MHS beneficiaries when they become eligible for Medicare Part A unless they enroll in Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. This also applies to MHS beneficiaries under the age of 65 who are eligible for Medicare Part A.</p> <p><b>Authorities:</b> 10 U.S.C. § 1086.</p>	DoD Recipient Agency	Favorable	<p>86 FR 36261 July 9, 2021</p> <p>89 FR 1910 January 11, 2024</p>
Department of Education	Federal Pell Grant  CMA #14	<p><b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 03/01/2021 Expired: 08/31/2022</p> <p><b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 09/01/2022 Expired: 08/31/2023</p> <p><b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 09/02/2023 Expires: 09/30/2024<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>(Briefly lapsed on 08/31/2023, resumed on 09/02/2023)</i></p>	<p>To fulfill the requirements of section 473(b)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) (20 U.S.C. §1087mm(b)(3)), which requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the Secretary of Education with information to identify children whose parent or guardian was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and died as a result of performing military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after September 11, 2001. Under the provisions of sections 473(b) and 420R of the HEA (20 U.S.C. §1070h), such persons may be eligible for increased amounts of student assistance authorized under Title IV of the HEA.</p> <p><b>Authorities:</b> 20 U.S.C. 1087mm, Family Contribution; and 20 U.S.C. 1070h, Scholarships for Veteran's Dependents.</p>	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	<p>86 FR 7547 January 29, 2021</p> <p>88 FR 51306 August 3, 2023</p>

<sup>1</sup> The intention of the matching program is to match applicants seeking eligibility for the DoD Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant only through Award Year 2023–2024. The period between July 1 and September 30, 2024, will only be for “reconciliation” transactions for Award Year 2023–2024 applicants, who are subject to the pre-FAFSA Simplification Act requirements of the HEA.

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<b>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) / Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)</b>	<b>Montgomery GI Bill and Post 9/11 GI Bill</b>  CMA #17	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 11/26/2020 Expired: 05/25/2022  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 05/26/2022 Expired: 05/25/2023  <b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 08/06/2023 Expires: 02/05/2025  <i>(Lapsed on 05/25/2023, resumed on 08/06/2023)</i>	To verify that individuals meet the conditions of military service and eligibility criteria for payment of benefits determined by VA under three enacted programs.  <b>Authorities:</b> 10 U.S.C. 16131, 16131a, 16132, 16132a, 16133 and 16136 (Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve); 38 U.S.C. 3011, 3012, 3018A and 3018B (Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty); 38 U.S.C. 3301, 3311, 3312, and 3313 (Post-9/11 GI Bill); Public Law 114-315 (Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016 ); Public Law 115-48 (Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017); Public Law 115-407 (Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018). See also 38 U.S.C. 5106 and 3684A(a)(1).	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	85 FR 67814 October 26, 2020  88 FR 43422 July 7, 2023

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HHS / CMS	<b>Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Through a Department of Defense Health Benefits Plan</b>  CMA #18	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 05/30/2021 Expired: 11/29/2022  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 11/30/2022 Expired: 11/29/2023  <b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 12/01/2023 Expires: 05/31/2025  <i>(Briefly lapsed on 11/29/2023, resumed on 12/01/2023)</i>	<p>To verify an Applicant's or Enrollee's eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage through a TRICARE Health Program to assist CMS or a State-based exchange in determining eligibility for the following benefits: (1) advanced payment of the premium tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 36B; and (2) a cost-sharing reduction under Section 1402 of the ACA (42 U.S.C. 18071).</p> <p><b>Authorities:</b> Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) (Public Law 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law No. 111-152) (ACA); 26 U.S.C. 36B, Refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan (Sec. 1401 of ACA); 26 U.S.C. 5000A, Requirement to maintain minimum essential coverage (Sec. 1501 of ACA); 42 U.S.C. 18071, Reduced cost-sharing for individuals enrolling in qualified health plans (Sec. 1402 of ACA); 42 U.S.C. 18051, State flexibility to establish basic health programs for low-income individuals not eligible for Medicaid (Sec. 1331 of ACA); 42 U.S.C. 18081, Procedures for determining eligibility for Exchange participation, premium tax credits and reduced cost-sharing, and individual responsibility exemptions (Sec. 1411 of ACA); 42 U.S.C. 18031, Affordable choices of health benefit plans (Sec. 1311 of ACA); 42 U.S.C. 18041, State flexibility in operation and enforcement of Exchanges and related requirements (Sec. 1321 of ACA); 45 CFR Subpart D - Exchange Functions in the Individual Market: Eligibility Determinations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs (45 C.F.R. 155.300-355).</p>	DoD Source Agency	CBA was conducted but did not show program likely to be cost-effective. Matching Program found to be justified and the requirement of CBA showing program as likely to be cost-effective waived. Reason: matching program - resulted in efficient and accurate consumer eligibility determinations and substantially reduced the administrative burden of HHS and administering entities - provides a significant benefit to the public by determining eligibility quicker while minimizing consumer burden -increases public trust in participating agencies by continuing to use the current matching program, which is less costly than any alternative structure - improves overall health care delivery	86 FR 16217 March 26, 2021  88 FR 74998 November 1, 2023



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<b>Department of Education</b>	<b>Benefit Eligibility for Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) or Hostile Fire Pay (HFP)</b>  CMA #19	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 12/20/2019 Expired: 06/19/2021  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 06/20/2021 Expired: 06/19/2022  <b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 05/04/2023 Expires: 11/03/2024  <i>(Lapsed on 06/19/2022, resumed on 05/04/2023)</i>	To provide eligible service members with no-interest accrual benefits on qualifying Title IV loans made under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, during the time those service members were deployed to qualifying locations.  <b>Authorities:</b> 20 U.S.C. § 1087e(o) (Section 455(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.)	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	84 FR 64052 November 20, 2019  88 FR 19941 April 4, 2023
<b>State Public Assistance Agencies</b> (Non-Federal Agencies)  <b>HHS / Administration for Children and Families</b> (Facilitating Agency)	<b>Verification of Continued Eligibility for Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS)</b>  CMA #86	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 10/04/2021 Expired: 04/03/2023  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 04/04/2023 Expired: 04/03/2024 (approximate) <sup>2</sup>	To identify Federal personnel who are receiving both Federal compensation or pension benefits and public assistance benefits under Federal programs being administered by the states and to verify public assistance clients' declarations of income circumstances.  <b>Authorities:</b> 42 U.S.C. Chapter 7, Social Security; 42 U.S.C. 602, Eligible States (Sec. 402 of Social Security Act); State plan; 42 U.S.C. 1320b-7, Income and Eligibility Verification System (Sec. 1137 of Social Security Act); 42 U. S. C. 1396b(r), Payment to States (Sec. 1903 of Social Security Act).	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	86 FR 49333 September 2, 2021

<sup>2</sup> Approximate dates provided due to inconsistency with Partner Agency tracked date.

Agency	Title of Match	Timelines	Purpose	DoD Source or Recipient	Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	Federal Register Citation
VA / VBA	<b>Verification of Disability Compensation and Pension</b>  CMA #87	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 06/13/2019 Expired: 12/12/2020  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 12/13/2020 Expired: 12/12/2021 (approximate) <sup>3</sup>  <b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 01/10/2022 Expired: 07/09/2023  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 07/10/2023 Expires: 07/09/2024  <i>(Briefly lapsed on 12/12/2021, resumed on 01/10/2022)</i>	To verify an individual's continuing eligibility for VA benefits by identifying VA disability benefit recipients who return to active duty and to ensure that benefits are terminated if appropriate.  <b>Authorities:</b> 38 U.S.C. 5106, Furnishing of Information By Other Agencies; 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition against duplication of benefits.	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	84 FR 20968 May 13, 2019  86 FR 70162 December 9, 2021
Social Security Administration	<b>Verification of Eligibility of SSI/SVB</b>  CMA #88	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 11/18/2021 Expired: 05/17/2023  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 05/18/2023 Expires: 05/17/2024	To verify information of applicants for and recipients of Supplemental Security Income payments and Special Veterans Benefits with respect to determination of eligibility and calculating payment amounts.  <b>Authorities:</b> 42 U.S.C. 1006(b), Applications and furnishing of information, Verification requirement; 42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B), Procedure for Payment of Benefits, Administrative Requirements Prescribed By Commissioner; Criteria; Reduction of Benefits To Individual for Noncompliance With Requirements; Payment To Homeless; 42 U.S.C. 1383(f), Procedure for Payment of Benefits, Furnishing of Information by Federal Agencies; 42 U.S.C. 1306(a), Disclosure of Information in Possession of Social Security Administration or Department of Health and Human Services; Disclosure prohibited; exceptions.	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	86 FR 57726 October 18, 2021

<sup>3</sup> Approximate dates provided due to inconsistency with Partner Agency tracked date.

Agency	Title of Match	Timelines	Purpose	DoD Source or Recipient	Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)	Federal Register Citation
VA / VBA	<b>Reserve Pay Reconciliation</b>  CMA #89	<b>18 Month Agreement</b> Started: 06/07/2021 Expired: 12/06/2022  <b>One Year Renewal</b> Started: 12/07/2022 Expired: 12/06/2023  <i>(Currently lapsed and in process of being re-established)</i>	To verify eligibility for DoD/U.S. Coast Guard members of the Reserve forces who receive VA disability compensation or pension to receive, in lieu and upon election, military pay and allowances when performing reserve duty.  <b>Authorities:</b> 10 U.S.C. 12316, Payment of certain Reserves while on duty; and 38 U.S.C. 5304(c), Prohibition against duplication of benefits.	DoD Source Agency	Favorable	86 FR 24695 May 7, 2021