# RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES AND

# THE PEACE CORPS FOR THE

## VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT THROUGH A PEACE CORPS HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services No. 2023-15 Department of Health and Human Services No. No. 2308

> Effective Date-July 1, 2025 Expiration Date-June 30, 2026

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), a computer matching agreement may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months. See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C). Within 3 months prior to the expiration of the agreement, however, the Data Integrity Board(s) (DIB) may, without additional review, renew the computer matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for a period not to exceed more than one additional year, if:

- 1. the matching program will be conducted without any change; and
- 2. each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB(s) in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D). Only a "significant" change precludes renewal and requires a new agreement. See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108, Sec. 8.b.

This matching program meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and recipient agency officials.

#### I. TITLE OF MATCHING PROGRAM:

Computer Matching Agreement between Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Peace Corps for the Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage through a Peace Corps Health Benefit Plan

HHS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2308 CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2023-15

#### II. PARTIES TO THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Recipient Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (HHS/CMS)

Source Agency: The Peace Corps

#### III. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

This renewal agreement extends the computer matching agreement identified in Section 1 above (the CMA) which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards, and procedures under which The Peace Corps discloses information to CMS in connection with the administration of Insurance Affordability Programs under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152) (collectively, ACA) and its implementing regulations.

CMS, in its capacity as operator of the Federally-facilitated Exchange (FFE) and the Federal enrollment and eligibility platform, and State Administering Entities will use the Peace Corps' eligibility information to verify an Applicant's or Enrollee's eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage through a Peace Corps Health Benefits Plan. Eligibility for a Peace Corps Health Benefits Plan which meets affordability standards usually precludes eligibility for financial assistance. Such assistance includes advance payments of the premium tax credit or cost sharing reductions that help consumers pay for private insurance coverage under a Qualified Health Plan offered through the FFE or a State-based Exchange.

# IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

Effective Date: January 1, 2024 Expiration Date: June 30, 2025

#### V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES:

Renewal Date: July 1, 2025 New Expiration Date: June 30, 2026

# VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT:

By this renewal, the Peace Corps and CMS make the following non-significant changes to the CMA that do not constitute significant changes under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and section 8.b of OMB Circular A-108:

1. In Article XV, "**Persons to Contact**," delete all contacts in their entirety and replace them with the following:

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#### VII. PEACE CORPS SIGNATURES:

#### Source Agency Certification:

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, accepts and expressly agrees to the terms and conditions expressed herein, confirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the organization to the terms of this Agreement.

<u>Electronic Signature Acknowledgement:</u> The signatories may sign this document electronically using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, 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 be conducted without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

Michael Terry	
Chief Information Officer	
Peace Corps	

A. Peace Corps Approving Official

B. Peace Corps Data Integrity Board Off	icia	1
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As Chairperson of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, based on the signed Source Agency Certification and the signed Recipient Agency Certification, I approve renewal of this matching program for one additional year.

V. Clark Presnell	
Acting Associate Director, Office of Management	
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board	
Date	

#### **VIII. CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES:**

### **Recipient Agency Certification:**

The authorized program official, whose signature appears below, accepts and expressly agrees to the terms and conditions expressed herein, confirms that no verbal agreements of any kind shall be binding or recognized, and hereby commits the organization to the terms of this Agreement.

<u>Electronic Signature Acknowledgement:</u> The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory who electronically signs this renewal agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

As the authorized representative of the recipient agency named above, 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 be conducted without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

A. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Official and Approving Appointed Senior Level Official

Peter Nelson
Director
Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversigh
Deputy Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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B. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Official

# C. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Approving Official

Leslie Nettles, Director
Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Oversight, and
Senior Official for Privacy
Information Security and Privacy Group
Office of Information Technology
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Date			
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D.	U.S.	Department	of Health	and Human	Services	Data	Integrity	Board	Certification

As Chairperson of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, based on the signed Source Agency Certification and the signed Recipient Agency Certification, I approve renewal of this matching program for one additional year.

Scott W. Rowell
Acting Chairperson
HHS Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Date