DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7056–N–07]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HECM Counseling Client Survey, OMB Control No.: 2502–0585

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection OMB 2502–0585. OHC is seeking to reinstate OMB Collection 2502–0585 so that an OMB 83–D form can be submitted to discontinue this collection. HUD form 92911 is obsolete and hasn’t been used in over 7 years. Currently collection OMB 2502–0585 is inactive and out of compliance. This collection expired on August 31, 2019. In 2020 OHC tried to submit OMB form 83D to discontinue this collection however were advised that a PRA Collection must be in active state before a request to discontinue the collection can be submitted. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: May 16, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: HECM Counseling Survey.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0585.

OMB Expiration Date: August 31, 2019.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Form Number: HUD–92911.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This collection expired on August 31, 2019. The Office of Housing Counseling does not use this form and wants to discontinue this collection however PRA Collection 2502–0585 must be reinstated before form OMB 83–D can be submitted to request that this collection be approved for discontinuation by OMB.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Number of Responses: 300.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: .25.

Total Estimated Burden: 75 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

1. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority


Janet M. Golrick,
Acting, Chief of Staff for the Office of Housing, Federal Housing Administration.

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[Docket Number: FR–7062–N–02]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of Public and Indian Housing, Real Estate Assessment Center.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of
1988, as amended, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing notice of its intent to re-establish a computer matching agreement (CMA) with the Social Security Administration (SSA) for a recurring matching program with HUD’s Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) and Office of Housing, involving comparisons of Social Security numbers (SSN) and benefit information provided by participants in any authorized HUD rental housing assistance program. HUD will obtain SSA data and make the results available to: (1) Program administrators such as public housing agencies (PHAs) and private owners and management agents (O/As) (collectively referred to as POAs) to enable them to verify the accuracy of income reported by the tenants (participants) of HUD rental assistance programs, and (2) contract administrators (CAs) overseeing and monitoring O/A operations as well as independent public auditors (IPAs) that audit both PHAs and O/As. The most recent renewal of the current matching agreement expired on November 7, 2021.

DATES: The CMA will become applicable 30 days after the publication of this notice, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. The matching program will continue for 18 months after the applicable date and may be extended for an additional 12 months, if the respective agency Data Integrity Boards (DIBs) determine that the conditions specified in 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(D) have been met.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to: Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically. Fax: 202–419–8365. Email: www.privacy@hud.gov.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the Recipient Agency, Nancy Corsiglia, Senior Agency Official for Privacy, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 6204, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 402–4025. [This is not a toll-free number.] A telecommunication device for hearing- and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at (800) 877–8339 (Federal Relay Service).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice supersedes a similar notice published in the Federal Register on March 26, 2019, at 84 FR 11321. Administrators of HUD rental assistance programs rely upon the accuracy of tenant-reported income to determine participant eligibility for and level of rental assistance. The computer matching program may provide indicators of potential tenant unreported or under-reported income, which will require additional verification to identify inappropriate or inaccurate rental assistance and may provide indicators for potential administrative or legal actions. The matching program will be carried out to detect inappropriate or inaccurate rental assistance. Specifically, the computer matching program will match HUD’s tenant data to SSA’s death data, Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits data.

Participating Agencies: Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Social Security Administration.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: 42 U.S.C. 3543 authorizes HUD to require rental assistance applicants and participants to disclose their SSNs. HUD requires, as a condition of eligibility, that individuals requesting, or continuing to receive, rental assistance disclose their SSNs (24 CFR 5.216). Section 1106 of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 1306) and the regulations promulgated thereunder provide legal authority for SSA’s disclosures in this agreement (20 CFR part 401). Section 205(r)(3) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 405(e)(3)) provides legal authority for SSA to disclose death data to Federal agencies to ensure proper payment of Federally funded benefits. Pursuant to section 7213 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, Public Law (Pub. L.) No. 108–458, SSA includes death indicators in verification routines that SSA determines to be appropriate.

Purpose(s): HUD’s primary objective of the computer matching program is to verify the income of participants in certain rental assistance programs to determine the appropriate level of rental assistance, and to detect, deter, and correct fraud, waste, and abuse in rental housing assistance programs. In meeting these objectives, HUD also is carrying out a responsibility under 42 U.S.C. 1437(k) to ensure that income data provided to POAs by household members is complete and accurate. HUD’s various rental housing assistance programs require that participants meet certain income and other criteria to be eligible for rental assistance. In addition, tenants generally are required to report and recertify the amounts and sources of their income at least annually. However, under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, PHAs operating Public Housing programs may offer tenants the option to pay a flat rent or an income-based rent. Those tenants who select a flat rent will be required to recertify income at least every three years. In addition, the changes to the Admissions and Occupancy final rule (March 29, 2000 (65 FR 16692)) specified that household composition must be recertified annually for tenants who select a flat rent or income-based rent. Additional uses/benefits of this computer matching program include: (1) Increasing the availability of rental assistance to individuals who meet the requirements of the rental assistance programs; (2) after removal of personal identifiers, conducting analyses of SSA death data and benefit information, and income reporting of program participants; and (3) measuring improper payments due to under-reporting of income and/or overpayment of subsidy on behalf of deceased program participants.

Categories of Individuals

Covered Programs

This notice of computer matching program applies to individuals receiving assistance from the following rental assistance programs:

a. Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) under the United States Housing Act of 1937
b. Public Housing under 24 CFR part 960
c. Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) under 24 CFR part 982
d. Project-Based Vouchers Section 24 CFR parts 880, 881, 883, 884, 886, and 891
g. Section 202/8 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q)
h. Rural Housing Services Section 515/8 under section 515 of title V of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485)
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[Docket No. FR – 6268–N–03]

Notice of Regulatory Waiver Requests Granted for the Third Quarter of Calendar Year 2021

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 106 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (the HUD Reform Act) requires HUD to publish quarterly Federal Register notices of all regulatory waivers that HUD has approved. Each notice covers the quarterly period since the previous Federal Register notice. The purpose of this notice is to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the HUD Reform Act. This notice contains a list of regulatory waivers granted by HUD during the period beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2021, including those made pursuant to the CARES Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about this notice, contact Aaron Santa Anna, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 10282, Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone 202–708–5300 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

For information concerning a particular waiver that was granted and for which public notice is provided in this document, contact the person whose name and address follow the description of the waiver granted in the accompanying list of waivers that have been granted in the third quarter of calendar year 2021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 106 of the HUD Reform Act added a new section 7(q) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)), which provides that:

1. Any waiver of a regulation must be in writing and must specify the grounds for approving the waiver;

2. Authority to approve a waiver of a regulation may be delegated by the Secretary only to an individual of Assistant Secretary or equivalent rank, and the person to whom authority to waive is delegated must also have authority to issue the particular regulation to be waived;

3. Not less than quarterly, the Secretary must notify the public of all waivers of regulations that HUD has approved, by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. These notices (each covering the period since the most recent previous notification) shall:

a. Identify the project, activity, or undertaking involved;

b. Describe the nature of the provision waived and the designation of the provision;

c. Indicate the name and title of the person who granted the waiver request;

d. Describe briefly the grounds for approval of the request; and

e. State how additional information about a particular waiver may be obtained.

Section 106 of the HUD Reform Act also contains requirements applicable to

Note: The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Rural Housing Services Section 515 (non-section 8) are not included under the rental housing assistance programs covered under this CMA.

Categories of Records: The following are the categories of record in this matching agreement that HUD will provide SSA for each individual for whom HUD requests information:

- First name
- Last name
- SSN
- Date of Birth (DOB)

SSA will provide HUD with the following information for each individual for whom HUD requests information:

- The amount of monthly benefits for each recipient of Title II, Title XVI, and Title VIII benefits
- SSN match/no match response
- In the case of a “no match”, the reason for the no match response in the form of an error code
- A death indicator, if applicable

System(s) of Records: SSA will conduct the matching of tenant SSNs and additional identifiers (surnames and DOBs) to tenant data that HUD supplies from its systems of records known as:

1. Tenant Rental Assistance Certification System (TRACS) HSNC.MF.HITS.02, a component of HUD’s Tenant Housing Assistance and Contract Verification Data System, published on August 22, 2016 (81 FR 56684);

2. Inventory Management System, Public Housing Information System (IMS/PI), HUD/PIH.01, published on March 25, 2019 (84 FR 11117); and


Program administrators utilize the form HUD–50058 module within IMS/ PI and the form HUD–50095 module within TRACS to provide HUD with the tenant data. SSA will match the tenant data in TRACS and IMS/PI to its systems of records known as:

1. SSA’s Master Files of Social Security Number (SSN) Holders and SSA Applications (Enumeration System), 60–0058; last fully published December 29, 2010 (75 FR 82121) and amended on July 5, 2013 (78 FR 40542), February 13, 2014 (79 FR 8780), July 3, 2018 (83 FR 31250 and 83 FR 31251), and November 1, 2018 (83 FR 54969);

2. Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits, 60–0103, last fully published on January 11, 2006 (71 FR 1830) and amended December 10, 2007 (72 FR 69723), July 3, 2018 (83 FR 31250 and 83 FR 31251) and November 1, 2018 (83 FR 64969); and


Dated: January 11, 2022.

Nancy Corsiglia,
Senior Agency Official for Privacy.

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