

the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology). Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for and included with the OGE request for extension of OMB paperwork approval. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Specifically, OGE seeks public comment on the following:

- What problems do you have using the form?
- Are there sections of the form or instructions that are unclear?
- Is there information provided that is confusing?
- What additional information would be helpful?

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**Emory Rounds,**

*Director, U.S. Office of Government Ethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children & Families

#### Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Administration for Children & Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of the Chief Technology Officer (HHS/ACF/OCTO), is providing notice of a re-established matching program between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs) participating in the Public Assistance Reporting System (PARIS) Program. The matching program provides the SPAAs with VA's compensation and pension data on a periodic basis to use in determining public assistance applicants' and recipients' eligibility for certain public assistance benefits. HHS/ACF/OPRE facilitates the matching program, and the Department of Defense, Defense Manpower Data Center (DoD/DMDC) conducts the matches of SPAA and VA data and provides associated support.

**DATES:** The deadline for comments on this notice is March 27, 2023. The re-established matching program will commence not sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice, provided no comments are received that warrant a

change to this notice. The matching program will be conducted for an initial term of 18 months (from approximately March 2023 through September 2024), and within three months of expiration may be renewed for one additional year if the parties make no change to the matching program and certify that the program has been conducted in compliance with the matching agreement.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may submit written comments on this notice by mail or email to the Chief Technology Officer, HHS/ACF Tech, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, [paris@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:paris@acf.hhs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** General questions about the matching program may be submitted to Kevin Duvall, Chief Technology Officer, ACF Tech, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, 202-401-5680, or [paris@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:paris@acf.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), provides certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving Federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records (meaning, Federal agency records about individuals retrieved by name or other personal identifier) are matched with records of other Federal or non-Federal agencies. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in a matching program to the following:

1. Obtain approval of a Computer Matching Agreement, prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, by the Data Integrity Board of each Federal agency that is a source, or recipient of data used in the matching program. 5 U.S.C. 522a(o)(1), (u)(3)(A) and (u)(4).
2. Provide adequate advance notice of the matching program, including a copy of the agreement, to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(A)(i) and (r).
3. Publish advance notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register**. 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12).
4. Make the Computer Matching Agreement available to the public. 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(A)(ii).
5. Notify the individuals whose information will be used in the matching program that the information they provide is subject to verification through matching, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(D).
6. Verify match findings before suspending, terminating, reducing, or making a final denial of an individual's benefits or payments, or taking other

adverse action against the individual, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(p).

7. Provide an annual report of the matching program activities to Congress and OMB, and make the report available to the public. 5 U.S.C. 552a(u)(3)(D).

This matching program meets these requirements.

**Kevin M. Duvall,**

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#### Participating Agencies

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is the source agency, and State Public Assistance Agencies (SPAAs) are non-Federal agencies.

#### Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Sections 402, 1137, and 1903(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. secs. 602(a), 1320b-7, and 1396b(r)).

#### Purpose(s)

The matching program will provide participating SPAAs with VA's compensation and pension data on a periodic basis to use in determining public assistance applicants' and recipients' eligibility for benefits under the Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and general assistance programs, and to use in helping relevant veterans to better understand similar benefits available through the VA that may be better alternatives. The matching program helps ensure fair and equitable treatment in the delivery of benefits attributable to funds provided by the Federal Government.

#### Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals involved in the matching program are the following:

- Individuals applying for or receiving Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, and/or general assistance benefits (public assistance clients); and
- Individuals receiving VA pay or pension benefits.

#### Categories of Records

The categories of records used in the matching program are identifying information, compensation, and pension data.

On an approximately quarterly basis, VA will provide DoD/DMDC with a file containing VA benefit record data for most VA benefit and compensation recipients. SPAAs will also provide DoD/DMDC with a non-Federal file containing identifying information, including Social Security Numbers (SSNs), about public assistance clients. DoD/DMDC will compare the SSNs in

each SPAA file to the VA file and will provide the SPAA with match results containing the following data elements (as applicable) about each public assistance client whose SSN matches the SSN of an individual receiving VA compensation or pension benefits:

VA File Number; Veteran/Beneficiary/ Apportionee SSN and SSN Verification Indicator; Payee Type Code; Award Type, Award Line Type, and Award Status Codes; Gender Code; Last Name/ First Name/Middle Name; Beneficiary Birth Date; Veteran/Spouse Aid and Attendance Code; Station Number; Spouse; Minor Child; School Child; Helpless Child; Parent; Combined Degree; Entitlement Type Code; Change Reason; Suspense Reason; Last Paid Date; Effective Date; Gross Amount; Net Award Amount; Payment Amount; Frequency Pay Type Code; Income for VA Purposes Amount; Beneficiary/ Spouse Annual Amounts (for Wages, Insurance, Interest, Social Security, Civil Service Retirement, Military, Railroad Retirement Board, Black Lung, and Rest); Beneficiary/Spouse Rest of Exclusion Amount; Medical Expense/ Education Expense/Last Expense/ Hardship Amounts; Receivable/ Receivable Amount; Monthly Deductions/Deduction Amount; Proceeds/Proceeds Amount; Address Type Indicator; Address Name/ Fiduciary; Address Fiduciary Type; Address Name Beneficiary; Corporate Format Address (Address Lines One, Two, and Three, City Name, State Name, ZIP Code Prefix and Suffix, Country Type Name, Foreign Postal Code, Province Name, Territory Name, Military Postal Type, Military Post Office); and, Benefits Delivery Network Treasury Address and ZIP Code Prefix.

#### System(s) of Records

The VA data used in this matching program will be disclosed from the following system of records, as authorized by routine use 35: “Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records—VA (58VA21/22/28),” 86 FR 61858 (Nov. 8, 2021).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; of the Evaluation of the National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) and Performance Management Support OMB Control Number 0985–New

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance as required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the Evaluation of the National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) and Performance Management Support.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by March 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. By mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amanda Cash, 202–795–7369 or [evaluation@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:evaluation@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is requesting approval to collect data for the National Paralysis Resource Center (NPRC) to understand how and to what extent the NPRC is meeting its goals. The NPRC provides resources to people living with paralysis, their caregivers, and their support network. ACL is responsible for oversight of the NPRC, which has been administered by the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation since its authorization in 2009. This data collection effort will be focused on evaluating specific major

activities of the NPRC: (a) the Quality of Life (QOL) Grants Program; (b) the Peer and Family Support Program (PFSP); and (c) the Promotional Activities, Outreach, and Collaboration program.

This evaluation seeks to identify barriers and challenges to operating the NPRC, document best practices for other Resource Centers, and recommend areas for improvement.

Specifically, this IC will help ACL to understand *how* each major NPRC activity aims to achieve the following goals, and *to what extent* the activities affect related outcomes:

a. Improving the health and quality of life of individuals living with paralysis of all ages, their families, and their support network;

b. Raising awareness of members of the target populations about paralysis;

c. Increasing access of members of the target populations to services relevant to individuals with paralysis;

d. Increasing the empowerment, confidence, and independence of individuals living with paralysis;

e. Strengthening support networks for individuals living with paralysis; and

f. Improving and increasing opportunities for community living for individuals living with paralysis and their caretakers.

To gain an in-depth understanding of the perspectives of mentors and peers participating in the PFSP, QOL program subgrantees, and people who serve as regional champions in the Promotional Activities, Outreach, and Collaboration program, eight focus groups will be conducted with no more than eight people per focus group. Additionally, a web-based survey will be administered to a maximum of 400 PFSP peers, 180 PFSP mentors, and 300 people served by QOL subgrantees to understand respondents’ experiences with the NPRC.

This data will contribute to documenting how each of the NPRC’s major activities are delivered and the extent to which they improve the quality of life of people living with paralysis, their caregivers, and their support networks.

Findings can inform practice for the NPRC and other Resource Centers. This evaluation will also help to identify how the NPRC can better meet the stated goals of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to, “protect and strengthen equitable access to high quality and affordable healthcare,” and to, “strengthen social well-being, equity, and economic resilience.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> FY 2023 Evaluation Plan (p. 3). (2022). U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/fy-2023-hhs-evaluation-plan>.