



**The Office of Personnel Management  
CY 2017 Report on Computer Matching Programs  
June 2018**

**I. Introduction**

This report is being submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(u)(3)(D), and OMB Circular A-108.

**II. The Data Integrity Board**

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is in the process of re-establishing its Data Integrity Board. The re-established Data Integrity Board will be chaired by the Chief Privacy Officer and will include the Chief Information Officer and the Inspector General, or their designees. In addition, other senior officials, or their designees, will be included as members of the Data Integrity Board to the extent their business units have responsibility for Computer Matching Agreements.

For information about OPM's Data Integrity Board and/or the Computer Matching Agreements to which OPM is a party, please contact:

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### III. CY 2017 Matching Programs

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| <b>Title</b>                   | Match #1045<br>(One-year renewal expires July 15, 2018)  |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 81 FR 8758 (February 22, 2016)   |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Social Security Administration   |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Office of Personnel Management   |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | 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. |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | The cost to benefit ratio determined by the cost-benefit analysis was a favorable 1:3.83.  |

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| <b>Title</b>                   | Match #1018<br>(One-year renewal expired on November 19, 2017)  |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 80 FR 19094 (April 9, 2015)   |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Social Security Administration  |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Office of Personnel Management  |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | The match enables OPM to re-compute the benefits of certain annuitants and survivors whose benefits are based in part on post-1956 military service.  |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | The cost incurred to conduct the match outweighs the benefit (savings in the form of reduced annuity payments) with a ratio of 1:0.09. However, the purpose of the match is to assure annuitants receive the annuity payment to which they are entitled. OPM and SSA determined that computer matching is the only means of efficiently accomplishing this purpose. |

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| <b>Title</b>                   | Match #1071<br>(One-year renewal expired on February 18, 2018)  |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 80 FR 32635 (June 9, 2015)  |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Social Security Administration  |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Office of Personnel Management  |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | 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. |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | The cost to benefit ratio determined by the cost-benefit analysis was favorable for all three categories of annuitants: 1:195 for disability  |



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|  | annuitants; 1:4116 for children survivor annuitants; and 1:1516 for spousal survivor annuitants. |
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| <b>Title</b>                   | Match #1307<br>(One-year renewal expired on January 14, 2018)  |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 80 FR 28337 (May 18, 2015)   |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Office of Personnel Management   |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Social Security Administration   |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | 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. |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | The cost to benefit ratio determined by the cost-benefit analysis was a favorable 1:3.13.  |

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| <b>Title</b>                   | Matches # 1005, #1019, #1020, and #1021 Consolidated<br>(One-year renewal expired on April 12, 2018)  |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 80 FR 60946 (October 8, 2015)   |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Office of Personnel Management  |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Social Security Administration  |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | 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.  |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | A cost-benefit analysis was performed separately for each of the consolidated matching programs and all were favorable, with the following cost to benefit ratios: Match #1005, 1:11.4; Match #1019, 1:7.9; Match #1020, 1:31.16; and Match #1021, 1:10.34. |

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| <b>Title</b>                   | CMA between the Railroad Retirement Board and the Office of Personnel Management<br>(18-month agreement expired on March 1, 2018)   |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 81 FR 37218 (June 9, 2016)  |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Office of Personnel Management  |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Railroad Retirement Board   |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | The match will provide RRB with OPM benefit and payment data to verify that information provided by the RRB beneficiary is correct and to ensure that any a reduction in RRB benefits is based on the current OPM pension amount. |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | The cost to benefit ratio determined by the cost-benefit analysis was a favorable 1:4.7.  |



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| <b>Title</b>                   | HHS Match #1608: Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through an Office of Personnel Management Health Benefit Plan (One-year extension expires December 31, 2018)              |
| <b>Federal Register Notice</b> | 81 FR 70117 (October 11, 2016)   |
| <b>Source Agency</b>           | Office of Personnel Management   |
| <b>Recipient Agency</b>        | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)   |
| <b>Purpose</b>                 | 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. |
| <b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>   | CMS conducted one cost-benefit analysis to evaluate all of its matching programs related to eligibility verification under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The analysis was favorable.   |

#### **IV. Adherence to CMA Terms and Continued Justification for the Disclosure of Records**

OPM has 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. This includes those CMAs with the Social Security Administration (SSA) that have expired. OPM is actively working with SSA to re-establish those matching programs.

#### **V. Disapproved Matching Programs**

The Data Integrity Board did not disapprove any matching programs during this reporting period.

#### **VI. Violations**

No violations of any matching agreements were alleged or identified during this reporting period.