



## **Message from the Chair of the Data Integrity Board**

I am pleased to present the Office of Personnel Management's Annual Report on Computer Matching Programs for calendar year 2021. This report is being published pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(u)(3)(D), and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-108.

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## Matching Programs for Calendar Year 2021

In calendar year 2021, the Data Integrity Board (DIB) reviewed and approved five re-established matching agreements.

**Table 1: Match #1045**

<b>Title</b>	Match #1045 The 18-month re-establishment agreement became effective October 20, 2021 and expires April 19, 2023.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	86 FR 49577 (September 3, 2021)
<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 benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 1:0.05

**Table 2: Match #1071**

<b>Title</b>	Match #1071 The 18 month-reestablishment agreement became effective October 27, 2021 and expires April 27, 2023.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	86 FR 49578 (September 3, 2021)
<b>Source Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management

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<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 benefit-cost ratio for disability annuitants, 158:1; children survivor benefits 4,228:1; spousal survivor annuitants 1,480:1;

**Table 3: Match #1307**

<b>Title</b>	Match #1307 The 18-month re-establishment agreement became effective September 14, 2021 and expires March 13, 2023.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	86 FR44464 (August 12, 2021)
<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 benefit-cost ratio is a favorable 402 to 1.

**Table 4: Match #1018**

<b>Title</b>	Match #1018 The 12-month renewal agreement became effective October 20, 2020 and expired October 17, 2021.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	84 FR 10132 (March 19, 2019)

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<b>Source Agency</b>	Social Security Administration
<b>Recipient Agency</b>	Office of Personnel Management
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>CMA 1018 was used to disclose tax return and SSA benefit information to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), to re-compute the benefits of certain annuitants and survivors whose benefits are based in part on post-1956 military service.</p> <p>On November 29, 2021, both agency representatives decided that this CMA is no longer needed. Instead, the two agencies will conduct a manual review of pertinent cases.</p>
<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 benefit cost ratio of 0.38 to 1.

**Table 5: Matches: #1005, #1019, #1020, #1021**

<b>Title</b>	<p>Matches # 1005, #1019, #1020, and #1021 Consolidated</p> <p>The 18-month re-establishment agreement began September 11, 2021 and expires March 11, 2023.</p>
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	86 FR 33011 (June 23, 2021)
<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.

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<b>Cost-Benefit Analysis</b>	A cost-benefit analysis was performed separately for each of the consolidated matching programs, with the following cost ratios: Match #1005, 42.17:1; Match #1019, 9.38:1; Match #1020, 19.6:1 and Match #1021, 13:1.
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**Table 6: Match #2104**

<b>Title</b>	HHS Match #2104 Verification of Eligibility of Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through an Office of Personnel Management Health Benefit Plan  The 18-month re-established agreement became effective June 8, 2021 and expires December 7, 2022.
<b>Federal Register Notice</b>	86 FR 23728 (May 4, 2021)
<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 its matching programs related to eligibility verification under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. CMS estimates that the cost of operating this computer match with OPM was nearly \$30.6 million per year. The estimated net benefit is \$45.378 billion, for a benefit--cost ratio of 1,487.8 to 1.



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

OPM 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.

**Disapproved Matching Programs**

No matching programs were disapproved during this reporting period.

**Violations**

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