

Location: N1-14-56, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about the matching program, you may contact Anne Pesto, Senior Advisor, Marketplace Eligibility and Enrollment Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, at 410-786-3492, by email at [anne.pesto@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:anne.pesto@cms.hhs.gov), or by mail at 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244.

**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:

1. Enter into a written agreement, which must be prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, approved by the Data Integrity Board of each source and recipient federal agency, provided to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and made available to the public, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (u)(3)(A), and (u)(4).
2. 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).
3. 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).
4. Report the matching program to Congress and the OMB, in advance and annually, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2)(A)(i), (r), and (u)(3)(D).
5. Publish advance notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12).

This matching program meets these requirements.

**Barbara Demopolus,**

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### Participating Agencies

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the

recipient agency, and the Department of Defense (DoD), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is the source agency.

### Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The statutory authority for the matching program is 42 U.S.C. 18081 and 42 U.S.C. 18083.

### Purpose(s)

The purpose of the matching program is to provide CMS with DoD data verifying individuals' eligibility for coverage under a DoD health benefits plan (*i.e.*, TRICARE), when requested by CMS and state-based administering entities (AE) for the purpose of determining the individuals' eligibility for insurance affordability programs under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). CMS and the requesting AE will use the DoD data to determine whether an enrollee in private health coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange is eligible for coverage under TRICARE, and the dates the individual was eligible for TRICARE coverage. DoD health benefit plans provide minimum essential coverage (MEC), and eligibility for such plans precludes eligibility for financial assistance in paying for private coverage. CMS and AE will use the DoD data to authenticate identity, determine eligibility for financial assistance (including an advance tax credit and cost-sharing reduction, which are types of insurance affordability programs), and determine the amount of any financial assistance.

### Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program are active duty service members and their family members and retirees and their family members whose TRICARE eligibility records at DoD match data provided to DoD by CMS (submitted by AEs) about individual consumers who are applying for or are enrolled in private health insurance coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange.

### Categories of Records

The categories of records used in the matching program are identity records and minimum essential coverage (MEC) period records. To request information from DoD, CMS will submit a request to DoD that may contain, but is not limited to, the following specified data elements in a fixed record format: Last name,

middle name, first name, date of birth, gender, Social Security Number (SSN), requested Qualified Health Plan (QHP) coverage effective date and end date, and transaction ID. When DoD is able to match the SSN and name provided by CMS and information is available, DoD will provide CMS with the following about each individual, as relevant: SSN, response code indicating enrollment in MEC under a TRICARE plan, and, as applicable, end date of enrollment in MEC under a TRICARE plan.

### A. System of Records Maintained by CMS

CMS Health Insurance Exchanges System (HIX), CMS System No. 09-70-0560, last published in full at 78 FR 63211 (Oct. 23, 2013), as amended at 83 FR 6591 (Feb. 14, 2018). Routine use 3 authorizes CMS' disclosures of identifying information about applicants to DoD for use in this matching program.

### B. System of Records Maintained by DoD

The DoD system of records and routine use that support this matching program are Routine Use h in DMDC 02 DoD, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting Systems (DEERS), published at 84 FR 55293 (Oct. 16, 2019) and corrected at 84 FR 65975 (Dec. 2, 2019).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are

invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 25, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number: CMS-P-0015A, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Contents**

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-10657—The State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.

The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

#### **Information Collection**

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Cycle Grant Program; *Use:* Section 1003 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) adds a new section 2794 to the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) entitled, "Ensuring That Consumers Get Value for Their Dollars." Specifically, section 2794(a) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) (HHS), in conjunction with the States, to establish a process for the annual review of health insurance premiums to protect consumers from unreasonable rate increases. Section 2794(c) directs the Secretary to carry out a program to award grants to States. Section 2794(c)(2)(B) specifies that any appropriated Rate Review Grant funds that are not fully obligated by the end of FY 2014 shall remain available to the Secretary for grants to States for planning and implementing the insurance market reforms and consumer protections under Part A of title XXVII of the (PHS Act). States that are awarded funds under this funding opportunity are required to provide CMS with four quarterly reports and one annual report (except for the last year of the grant) until the end of the grant period detailing the state's progression towards planning and/or implementing the pre-selected market reforms under Part A of Title XXVII of the PHS Act. A final report is due at the end of the grant period. *Form Number:* CMS-10657 (OMB control number: 0938-1366); *Frequency:* Annually and Quarterly; *Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 40; *Total Annual Responses:* 200; *Total Annual Hours:* 2,720. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jim Taing at [James.Taing@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:James.Taing@cms.hhs.gov).)

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**William N. Parham, III,**

*Director, Paperwork Reduction Staff, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

#### **Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice of a new matching program between CMS and the Peace Corps for "Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through a Peace Corps Health Benefits Plan."

**DATES:** The deadline for comments on this notice is April 26, 2021. 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 July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022) and within 3 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.

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