

Considerations for Designating BEP

1. *Statutory or other limitations on the use and sharing of specific data:*

The use and sharing of the BEP data would be subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the requirements outlined in a matching agreement and memorandum of understanding between VA, DOD/DMDC, Treasury/Fiscal Service, HHS/ACF, and the SPAA. PIAA authorizes access to, and use of, Do Not Pay by states and any contractor, subcontractor, or agent of a state, for the purpose of verifying payment or award eligibility for payments. In this case, however, as discussed above, OMB is proposing a limited designation of BEP, which will only be available for use with PARIS and SPAA; it will not be available for use by other Do Not Pay users.

2. *Privacy restrictions and risks associated with specific data:*

In evaluating potential privacy risks and compliance measures associated with the designation, Fiscal Service conducted a privacy risk assessment for BEP. The privacy risk assessment for BEP aimed to: ensure conformance with applicable legal, regulatory, and policy requirements for privacy, including the Privacy Act of 1974; determine the risks and effects; and evaluate protections and alternative processes to mitigate potential privacy risks.

DMDC will provide Fiscal Service a file containing data on individuals' compensation and benefits, as well as identifying information, for VA benefit and compensation recipients. SPAA participating in PARIS will also provide Fiscal Service with a non-Federal file containing identifying information, including Social Security numbers (SSNs), about public assistance applicants and clients. Fiscal Service Do Not Pay will compare the SPAA file to the VA file and will provide the SPAA with match results.

The SPAA are responsible for verifying and determining if the data in the match results output file is consistent with the data in SPAA public assistance files and for resolving any discrepancies or inconsistencies as to positive identification on an individual basis.

If a SPAA intends to reduce, suspend, terminate, or deny benefits as a result of information provided by Fiscal Service, the SPAA must provide appropriate notice and the opportunity to respond in accordance with 42 CFR 431.200–250 for the Medicaid Program, 7 CFR 273.15 for SNAP, state-established procedures for TANF, and other applicable program procedures.

Fiscal Service will only maintain the information necessary for processing

and matching purposes. The SPAA will retain the identifiable records (hits) resulting from the match only for the period of time required for any processing related to the matching program and will then destroy the records unless the information must be retained in individual files to meet evidentiary requirements.

3. *Likelihood that the data will strengthen program integrity across programs and agencies:*

The BEP database will strengthen program integrity at VA, HHS, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), at a minimum, through its use to assist in the determination of applicant and recipient eligibility for public assistance benefits under Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, and other general assistance programs.

The designation of BEP to Do Not Pay for PARIS will strengthen program integrity across programs and agencies by facilitating: (A) income verification (a process by which States compare income reported to the State by the client to income the client is actually receiving according to the BEP database) and (B) the coordination of benefits (e.g., between Medicaid and VA benefits).

4. *Benefits of streamlining access to the data through Do Not Pay:*

Fiscal Service Do Not Pay became the Technical Service Provider for PARIS in 2024 and began conducting the PARIS interstate matching in Fall 2024 (identifying individuals who may be applying for or receiving benefits in more than one participating state or territory). The designation of BEP for use with PARIS will allow Do Not Pay to supplement the interstate matching with additional data important for SPAA and the determination of applicant and recipient eligibility for assistance programs.

5. *Costs associated with expanding or centralizing access, including modifications needed to system interfaces or other capabilities in order to make data accessible:*

Do Not Pay is already receiving the SPAA files from 45 states and the District of Columbia for interstate matching. The additional activity to occur through the designation of BEP to Do Not Pay for PARIS is the comparison of the participating state and territory data files against the BEP database. Costs associated with centralizing access to VA BEP may be absorbed into the scope of regular development.

6. *Other policy and stakeholder considerations:*

Sec. 1137 and 1903(r) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1320b–7 and 42 U.S.C. 1396b] discuss how state agencies administering certain programs

shall exchange with each other information for use in establishing or verifying eligibility or benefit amounts. Sec. 1903(r) references PARIS and how states must have in operation an eligibility determination system which provides for data matching through PARIS or any successor system as a condition of receiving Medicaid funding for automated data systems.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

[NARA–25–0007; NARA–2025–027]

Records Schedules; Availability and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). We publish notice in the **Federal Register** and on *regulations.gov* for records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on such records schedules.

DATES: We must receive responses on the schedules listed in this notice by August 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: To view a records schedule in this notice, or submit a comment on one, use the following address: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NARA-25-0007/document>.

This is a direct link to the schedules posted in the docket for this notice on *regulations.gov*. You may submit comments by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. On the website, enter either of the numbers cited at the top of this notice into the search field. This will bring you to the docket for this notice, in which we have posted the records schedules open for comment. Each schedule has a 'comment' button so you can comment on that specific schedule. For more information on *regulations.gov* and on submitting comments, see their FAQs at <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

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request.schedule@nara.gov for instructions on submitting your comment. You must cite the control number of the schedule you wish to comment on. You can find the control number for each schedule in parentheses at the end of each schedule's entry in the list at the end of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rachel Ban Tonkin, Office of the Chief Records Officer, by email at *rachel.bantonkin@nara.gov* or at 301–837–2039. For information about records schedules, contact Records Management Operations by email at *request.schedule@nara.gov* or by phone at 301–837–2039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comment Procedures

We are publishing notice of records schedules in which agencies propose to dispose of records they no longer need to conduct agency business. We invite public comments on these records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a), and list the schedules at the end of this notice by agency and subdivision requesting disposition authority.

In addition, this notice lists the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or states that the schedule has agency-wide applicability. It also provides the control number assigned to each schedule, which you will need if you submit comments on that schedule.

We have uploaded the records schedules and accompanying appraisal memoranda to the *regulations.gov* docket for this notice as “other” documents. Each records schedule contains a full description of the records at the file unit level as well as their proposed disposition. The appraisal memorandum for the schedule includes information about the records.

We will post comments, including any personal information and attachments, to the public docket unchanged. Because comments are public, you are responsible for ensuring that you do not include any confidential or other information that you or a third party may not wish to be publicly posted. If you want to submit a comment with confidential information or cannot otherwise use the *regulations.gov* portal, you may contact *request.schedule@nara.gov* for instructions on submitting your comment.

We will consider all comments submitted by the posted deadline and consult as needed with the Federal agency seeking the disposition authority. After considering comments,

we may or may not make changes to the proposed records schedule. The schedule is then sent for final approval by the Archivist of the United States. After the schedule is approved, we will post on *regulations.gov* a “Consolidated Reply” summarizing the comments, responding to them, and noting any changes we made to the proposed schedule. You may elect at *regulations.gov* to receive updates on the docket, including an alert when we post the Consolidated Reply, whether or not you submit a comment. If you have a question, you can submit it as a comment, and can also submit any concerns or comments you would have to a possible response to the question. We will address these items in consolidated replies along with any other comments submitted on that schedule.

We will post schedules on our website in the Records Control Schedule (RCS) Repository, at <https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/rcs>, after the Archivist approves them. The RCS contains all schedules approved since 1973.

Background

Each year, Federal agencies create billions of records. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA's approval. Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. The records schedules authorize agencies to preserve records of continuing value in the National Archives or to destroy, after a specified period, records lacking continuing administrative, legal, research, or other value. Some schedules are comprehensive and cover all the records of an agency or one of its major subdivisions. Most schedules, however, cover records of only one office or program or a few series of records. Many of these update previously approved schedules, and some include records proposed as permanent.

Agencies may not destroy Federal records without the approval of the Archivist of the United States. The Archivist grants this approval only after thorough consideration of the records' administrative use by the agency of origin, the rights of the Government and of private people directly affected by the Government's activities, and whether or not the records have historical or other value. Public review and comment on these records schedules is part of the Archivist's consideration process.

Schedules Pending

1. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Records of the National Economic Accounts Directorate (DAA–0375–2024–0001).

2. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Vessel Monitoring System Records—Southeast Region Office (DAA–0370–2025–0001).

3. Department of Commerce, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Sanctions Records (DAA–0241–2025–0001).

4. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Land Acquisition Records (DAA–0138–2025–0007).

5. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Detention Reporting Information Line Records (DAA–0567–2024–0003).

6. Department of Justice, Professional Responsibility Advisory Office, Professional Responsibility Advisory Office Files (DAA–0060–2024–0013).

7. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Consolidated Schedule of the Records of the Bureau of Consular Affairs (DAA–0059–2020–0017).

8. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Social Media (DAA–0408–2025–0001).

9. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Incident Notifications Summaries (DAA–0571–2025–0002).

10. Department of the Treasury, Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery, Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery Records (DAA–0056–2023–0001).

11. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Chaplain Services (DAA–0015–2025–0025).

12. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Human Research Protection Program Accreditation (DAA–0015–2025–0034).

13. Central Intelligence Agency, Director of Central Intelligence, Biographic Data on Applicants (DAA–0263–2025–0001).

14. Federal Labor Relations Authority, Office of the Solicitor, Major Advice Requests (DAA–0480–2025–0001).

15. Office of the Director of National Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Foreign and Domestic Evaluation Records (DAA–0576–2023–0015).

16. Peace Corps, Agency Wide, Enterprise Risk Management and

Compliance Records (DAA-0490-2024-0002).

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Schedules Pending

1. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Agency Issuances (DAA-0136-2024-0005).
2. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy