

B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act

We have taken action to ensure that all SSA computer matching programs comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

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Notice of Computer Matching Program, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

A. Participating Agencies

SSA, IRS and CMS.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which IRS agrees to disclose return information relating to taxpayer identity information to SSA. SSA agrees to disclose IRS return information relating to employer identity, commingled with taxpayer identity information, to CMS.

These disclosures will provide CMS with information for use in determining the extent to which any Medicare beneficiary is covered under any Group Health Plan (GHP).

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Section 1862(b)(5) of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(5)), Section 6103(l)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, (26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(12)), and the Privacy Act, (5 U.S.C. 552a) as amended.

D. Categories of Records and Individuals Covered by the Matching Program

1. IRS

IRS will disclose taxpayer identity information from the Individual Master File (IMF), Treas/IRS 24.030, published at 63 FR 69854 (12/17/98). The IRS component responsible for the disclosure of the return information is the Office of Government Liaison and Disclosure.

2. SSA

SSA will extract identifying information of Medicare beneficiaries from the Master Beneficiary Record (MBR), SSA/OSR 09-60-0090, published at 65 FR 46997 (08/01/00). SSA will validate the taxpayer SSN by matching information from the IMF

against the Master Files of Social Security Number Holders, (NUMIDENT), SSA/OSR 09-60-0058, published at 63 FR 14165 (03/24/98). SSA will extract employer identity information from the Earnings Recording and Self-Employment Income System, SSA/OSR 09-60-0059, referred to as the Master Earnings File (MEF), published at 62 FR 11939 (03/13/97). The SSA component responsible for the disclosure of the return information is the Office of Systems Requirements (OSR).

3. CMS

a. CMS will utilize a database, System Number 09-70-4001, published at 57 FR 60818 (12/22/92), of the GHP information received from employers containing verified instances of employment and GHP coverage for Medicare beneficiaries and Medicare eligible spouses identified from the IMF and MEF extracts. CMS will match the GHP information against the Carrier Medicare Claims Records, System Number 09-70-0501, published at 59 FR 37243-02 (7/21/94), maintained at the CMS Common Working File (CWF), System Number 09-70-0526, published at 53 FR 52792 (12/29/88).

b. CMS will match GHP information against the Carrier Medicare Claims Records, System Number 09-70-0501, published at 59 FR 37243-02 (7/21/94), maintained at the CMS Common Working File (CWF), System Number 09-70-0526, published at 53 FR 52792 (12/29/88), which is the repository data base for current MSP information. This file contains information or records needed to properly process and pay medical insurance benefits to, or on behalf of, entitled beneficiaries who have submitted claims for Supplementary Medical Insurance Benefits (Medicare Part B). The file is accessed when a claim is submitted for payment.

c. CMS will match GHP information against the Intermediary Claims Records, System Number 09-70-0503, published at 59 FR 37243-02 (7/21/94), maintained at the CWF. This file contains information or records needed to properly process and pay Medicare benefits to, or on behalf of, eligible individuals. The file is accessed when a claim is submitted for payment.

d. CMS will match GHP information against the National Claims History (NCH), which is contained in the National Claims History File, Privacy Act System, HHS, CMS, BDMS 09-70-0005 published at 59 FR 19181 (4/22/

94), maintained at CMS Data Center (HDC), located in Baltimore, Maryland. NCH contains records needed to facilitate obtaining Medicare utilization review data that can be used to study the operation and effectiveness of the Medicare program.

e. The CMS component responsible for receipt and verification of the return information is the Office of Information Services (CMS/OIS).

E. Inclusive Dates of the Match

The matching program shall become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice for the program is sent to Congress and OMB, or 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, whichever date is later. The matching program will continue for 18 months from the effective date and may be extended for an additional 12 months thereafter, if certain conditions are met.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of Meeting; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee

The Department of State announces a meeting of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union. This meeting will be held via email.

The US Study Group B will meet by email from August 1 to August 15, 2001, to start preparing for the October meeting of ITU-T Study Group 2. The SG will consider two candidate normal contributions titled: "Proposal for Restructuring Recommendation G.650" and "L- and C-Band Attenuation in Installed Fibre Links." Members of the general public may participate in this meeting by providing an email address to the meeting Secretariat by telephone at 202-647-0965 or by email to EBCIPMA@state.gov.

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