

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF THE FAMILY,  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,  
AND  
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

*Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program Subscribers*

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, provides that a matching agreement shall remain in effect only for such period, not to exceed eighteen (18) months, as the Data Integrity Board of the agency determines is appropriate.

Within three (3) months prior to the expiration of such an agreement, the Data Integrity Board of the agency may, without additional review, renew the matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for not more than one (1) year if: (i) such program will be conducted without any change; and (ii) each party to the agreement certifies to the board in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D).

The following meets the conditions for renewal.

**I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:** Lifeline and Other Federal Connectivity Benefit Programs Computer Matching Agreement with the Puerto Rico Department of the Family

**II. RECIPIENT AGENCIES:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

**III. SOURCE AGENCY:** Puerto Rico Department of the Family (Department)

**IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM**

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC's Lifeline program and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in the Nutrition Assistance Program (PAN). Since participation in such program makes individuals eligible for the Lifeline program, 47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a)(2), and/or the ACP, 47 C.F.R. § 54.1800(j), the automated matching undertaken through this agreement is a cost-effective and efficient way to verify that an individual may receive the benefits of these programs.<sup>1</sup>

Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the FCC to establish federal universal support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program for low-income consumers. 47 U.S.C. § 254(b). The FCC has appointed USAC as the permanent Administrator of the federal Universal Service Fund support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.701-717. Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, and pursuant to the

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<sup>1</sup> On February 8, 2024, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau froze new applications and enrollments into the ACP, due to projections of the depletion of remaining funds and the lack of immediate additional funding from Congress for the program. See *Affordable Connectivity Program*, WC Docket No. 21-450, Order, DA 24-23, at 8, para. 21 (WCB Jan. 11, 2024) (available at: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-24-23A1.pdf>).

Memorandum of Understanding between the FCC and USAC, USAC administers the ACP. See 47 U.S.C. § 1752(i)(5).

Department is responsible for the oversight and supervision of PAN eligibility. Department maintains the case records and confidential personally identifiable information (PII) of individual applicants and recipients for PAN.

**V. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT**

The current effective period of the matching agreement is October 16, 2023 through April 15, 2025.

**VI. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT**

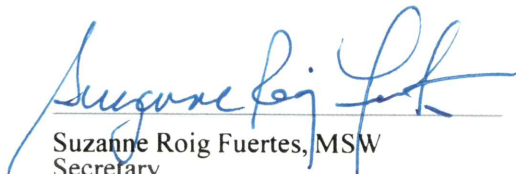
Upon execution of the certification by the parties and approval of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective period is renewed for the period of April 16, 2025 through April 15, 2026.

**VII. AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

As designated representatives of the agencies participating in the matching program, we certify that: (i) the matching program will be conducted without change; and (ii) the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the current agreement.

**A. Source Agency**

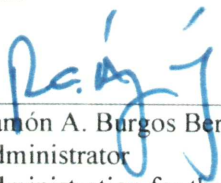
**B. Recipient Agencies**

  
Suzanne Roig Fuentres, MSW  
Secretary  
Department of the Family

  
Tim O'Brien  
Vice President, Lifeline  
Universal Service Administrative Company

March 18, 2025  
Date

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Date

  
Ramón A. Burgos Bermúdez  
Administrator  
Administration for the Socioeconomic  
Development of the Family

  
Mark Stephens  
Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission

March, 17 2025  
Date

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Date

**VIII. DATA INTEGRITY BOARD APPROVAL**

On behalf of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, respectfully, I approve the renewal of the current agreement.

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Elliot S. Tarloff  
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board  
Federal Communications Commission

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Date

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