

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,  
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 Florida Department of Children and Families (Department).

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

**III. SOURCE AGENCY:** Florida Department of Children and Families

**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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid. Since participation in such programs 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.

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

The Department is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP and Medicaid eligibility under Section 414, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Section 409, F.S., respectively. The Department



**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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