

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
Telephone Requestors .....	8,123,835	1	4.5	609,288
*Screen Splash (on hold) .....	1			1
Totals .....	16,053,172			939,678

\*We are reducing the burden to a one-hour placeholder burden because we are placing the Screen Splash application on hold.

2. Application for Special Benefits for World War II Veterans—20 CFR 408, Subparts B, C, and D—0960–0615. Title VIII of the Social Security Act (Special Benefits for Certain World War II Veterans) allows qualified World War II veterans residing outside the United States to receive special monthly

payments. These regulations establish the requirements individuals need to qualify for and become entitled to Special Veterans Benefits (SVB). SSA uses Form SSA–2000–F6 to elicit the information we need to determine entitlement to SVB.

This Information Collection Request comprises the relevant regulations and Form SSA–2006–F6. The respondents are individuals applying for SVB under title VIII of the Social Security Act.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Regulations Section and Collection Instrument	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
§ 408.202(d); § 408.210; § 408.230(a); § 408.305; §§ 408.310–315 (SSA–2000–F6).	100	1	20	33
§ 408.420(a), (b) .....	71	1	15	18
§§ 408.430 & .432 .....	66	1	30	33
§ 408.435(a), (b), (c) .....	71	1	15	18
Totals .....	308			102

3. Integrated Registration Services (IRES) System—20 CFR 401.45—0960–0626. The IRES System verifies the identity of individuals, businesses, organizations, entities, and government agencies seeking to use SSA’s eService Internet and telephone applications. Individuals need this verification to

electronically request and exchange business data with SSA. Requestors provide SSA the information needed to establish their identities. Once SSA verifies identity, the IRES system issues the requestor a user identification number (User ID) and a password to conduct business with SSA.

Respondents are employers and third party submitters of wage data, business entities providing taxpayer identification information, and data exchange partners conducting business in support of SSA programs.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
IRES Internet Registrations .....	724,581	1	5	60,382
IRES Internet Requestors .....	7,987,763	1	2	266,259
IRES CS (CSA) Registrations .....	25,221	1	11	4,624
Totals .....	8,737,565			331,265

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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

[Docket No. SSA 2012–0015]

**Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS))—Match Number 1094**

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new computer matching program that will expire on January 31, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new computer matching program that we will conduct with CMS.

**DATES:** We will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives; and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget

(OMB). The matching program will be effective as indicated below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefaxing to (410) 966-0869 or writing to the Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, 617 Altmeyer Building, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235-6401. All comments received will be available for public inspection at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, as shown above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. General**

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 Public Law (Pub. L.) 100-503, amended the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) by describing the conditions under which computer matching involving the Federal government could be performed and adding certain protections for persons applying for, and receiving, Federal benefits. Section 7201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-508) further amended the Privacy Act regarding protections for such persons.

The Privacy Act, as amended, regulates the use of computer matching by Federal agencies when records in a system of records are matched with other Federal, State, or local government records. It requires Federal agencies involved in computer matching programs to:

- (1) Negotiate written agreements with the other agency or agencies participating in the matching programs;
- (2) Obtain the approval of the matching agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the participating Federal agencies;
- (3) Publish notice of the computer matching program in the **Federal Register**;
- (4) Furnish detailed reports about matching programs to Congress and OMB;
- (5) Notify applicants and beneficiaries that their records are subject to matching; and
- (6) Verify match findings before reducing, suspending, terminating, or denying a person's benefits or payments.

**B. SSA Computer Matches Subject to the Privacy Act**

We have taken action to ensure that all of our computer matching programs

comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act, as amended.

**Daniel F. Callahan,**

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**Notice of Computer Matching Program, SSA with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

**A. Participating Agencies**

SSA and CMS.

**B. Purpose of the Matching Program**

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which CMS will disclose to us Medicare identifying and non-utilization information for our title II beneficiaries aged 90 and above.

CMS identifies Medicare enrollees whose records have been inactive for three or more years. We will use this data as an indicator to select and prioritize cases for review to determine continued eligibility to title II benefits. We will contact these individuals to verify ongoing eligibility. We refer individual cases of suspected fraud, waste, or abuse to the Office of the Inspector General for investigation.

**C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program**

Legal authority for the disclosures under this agreement is:

1. Section 202 of the Social Security Act (Act) (42 U.S.C. 402), which outlines the requirements for eligibility to receive Old-Age Survivors and Disability Insurance Benefits under title II. Section 205(c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 405) directs our Commissioner to verify the eligibility of a beneficiary.

2. Section 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(f)) provides that "[t]he head of any Federal agency shall provide such information as the Commissioner of Social Security needs for purposes of determining eligibility for or amount of benefits or verifying other information with respect thereto."

3. This matching program employs systems containing Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by Health and Human Services regulation "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" (45 CFR 160 and 164 (65 FR 82462, Parts A and E (Dec. 28, 2000)). PHI authorized by the routine uses may only be disclosed if, and as permitted or required by the "Standard for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" (45 CFR 164.512(d)).

**D. Categories of Records and Persons Covered by the Matching Program**

We will disclose to CMS information from Master Beneficiary Record (MBR) (60-0090) published on January 11, 2006 at 71 FR 1826. Routine use 23 permits disclosure of this information to Federal, State, or local agencies for administering income maintenance or health maintenance programs, including programs under the Act.

CMS will disclose to us information from National Claims History (NCH) (09-70-0558) published on November 20, 2006 at 71 FR 67137. Routine use 2 permits disclosure of this information to other Federal, State, or local agencies for administering income maintenance or health maintenance programs.

CMS will disclose to us information from Enrollment Data Base (EDB) (09-70-0502) published on February 26, 2008 at 73 FR 10249. Routine use 2 permits disclosure of this information to other Federal, State, or local agencies for administering income maintenance or health maintenance programs.

*Specified Data Elements*

We provide CMS with the following information for each individual in the finder file:

- Title II Claim Account Number (CAN),
- Title II Beneficiary Identification Code (BIC),
- Name, and
- Date of birth.

CMS provides us with the following information for each individual in the response file:

- Name,
- Date of birth,
- Social Security number,
- Date of death,
- CMS file number (equivalent to SSA's title II CAN & BIC),
- Beneficiary Group Health Organization start date,
- Beneficiary Group Health Organization disenrollment date, and
- HMO provider name and code.

**E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program**

The effective date of this matching program is August 1, 2012; if the following notice periods have lapsed: 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and OMB. 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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