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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID 107763]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching
program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Privacy Act of 1974, as amended
("Privacy Act"), this document
announces a new computer matching
program the Federal Communications
Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"
or "Agency") and the Universal Service
Administrative Company (USAC) will
conduct with the Department of
Veterans Affairs. The purpose of this
matching program is to verify the
eligibility of applicants to and
subscribers of Lifeline, and the
Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP),
both of which are administered by
USAC under the direction of the FCC.
More information about these programs
is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or
before November 7, 2022. This
computer matching program will
commence on November 7, 2022, and
will conclude 18 months after the
effective date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot S.
Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE,
Washington, DC 20554, or to *Privacy@
fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Elliot S. Tarloff at 202-418-0886 or
Privacy@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Lifeline program provides support for
discounted broadband and voice
services to low-income consumers.
Lifeline is administered by the
Universal Service Administrative

Company (USAC) under FCC direction.
Consumers qualify for Lifeline through
proof of income or participation in a
qualifying program, such as Medicaid,
the Supplemental Nutritional
Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal
Public Housing Assistance,
Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit,
or various Tribal-specific federal
assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations
Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, 134
Stat. 1182, 2129-36 (2020), Congress
created the Emergency Broadband
Benefit Program, and directed use of the
National Verifier to determine eligibility
based on various criteria, including the
qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid,
SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion
in monthly consumer discounts for
broadband service and one-time
provider reimbursement for a connected
device (laptop, desktop computer or
tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment
and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135
Stat. 429, 1238-44 (2021) (codified at 47
U.S.C. 1751-52), Congress modified and
extended EBBP, provided an additional
\$14.2 billion, and renamed it the
Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).
A household may qualify for the ACP
benefit under various criteria, including
an individual qualifying for the FCC's
Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on
March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24,
2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization
Order*), the Commission ordered USAC
to create a National Lifeline Eligibility
Verifier ("National Verifier"), including
the National Lifeline Eligibility Database
(LED), that would match data about
Lifeline applicants and subscribers with
other data sources to verify the
eligibility of an applicant or subscriber.
The Commission found that the
National Verifier would reduce
compliance costs for Lifeline service
providers, improve service for Lifeline
subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud,
and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act
of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the
National Verifier to verify applicants'
eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this
matching program is to verify the
eligibility of Lifeline and ACP
applicants and subscribers by
determining whether they receive
Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
benefits administered by the
Department of Veterans Affairs.

Participating Agencies

Department of Veterans Affairs

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority for the FCC's ACP is
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,
Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238-
44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751-
52); 47 CFR part 54. The authority for
the FCC's Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C.
254; 47 CFR 54.400 through 54.423;
Lifeline and Link Up Reform and
Modernization, *et al.*, Third Report and
Order, Further Report and Order, and
Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd
3962, 4006-21, paras. 126-66 (2016)
(*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this modified
matching agreement is to verify the
eligibility of applicants and subscribers
to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other
Federal programs that use qualification
for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion.
This new agreement will permit
eligibility verification for the Lifeline
program and ACP by checking an
applicant's/subscriber's participation in
Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension
benefit under the Department of
Veterans Affairs. Under FCC rules,
consumers receiving these benefits
qualify for Lifeline discounts and also
for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose
information is involved in the matching
program include, but are not limited to,
those individuals who have applied for
Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are
currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP
benefits; are individuals who enable
another individual in their household to
qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits;
are minors whose status qualifies a
parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or
ACP benefits; or are individuals who
have received Lifeline and/or ACP
benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in
the matching program include, but are
not limited to, the applicant's address,
date of birth, and first and last name.
The National Verifier will transfer these
data elements to the Department of
Veterans Affairs, which will respond
either "yes" or "no" that the individual
is enrolled in a qualifying assistance
program: Veterans Pension or Survivors
Pension benefit administered by the
Department of Veterans Affairs.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this
matching program reside in the Lifeline
system of records, FCC/WCB-1,
Lifeline, which was published in the

Federal Register at 86 FR 11526 (Feb. 25, 2021).

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the ACP system of records, FCC/WCB–3, Affordable Connectivity Program, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 86 FR 71494 (Dec. 16, 2021).

Federal Communications Commission.

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Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[FR ID: 108154]

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (“Privacy Act”), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission” or “Agency”) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Written comments are due on or before November 7, 2022. This computer matching program will commence on November 7, 2022, and will conclude 18 months after the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Elliot S. Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot S. Tarloff at 202–418–0886 or *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through

proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129–36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC’s Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (“National Verifier”), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants’ eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by determining whether they receive SNAP or Medicaid benefits administered by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

Participating Agencies

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority for the FCC’s ACP is Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117–58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238–44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751–52); 47 CFR part 54. The authority for the FCC’s Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254; 47 CFR 54.400 through 54.423; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, *et al.*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962, 4006–21, paras. 126–66 (2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*).

Purpose(s)

The purpose of this modified matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant’s/subscriber’s participation in SNAP or Medicaid in Nevada. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the applicant’s Social Security Number, date of birth, and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, which will respond either “yes” or “no” that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: SNAP or Medicaid administered by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services.

System(s) of Records

The records shared as part of this matching program reside in the Lifeline system of records, FCC/WCB–1,