

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

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

Dated: January 25, 2005.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) with the Bureau of the Public Debt (BPD)

#### A. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

SSA and BPD.

#### B. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The purpose of this matching program is to establish conditions under which BPD agrees to disclose to SSA ownership of savings securities to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for prescription drug subsidy assistance under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA).

#### C. AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The legal authority for SSA to conduct this matching activity is contained in section 1860D-14 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114) of the Social Security Act.

#### D. CATEGORIES OF RECORDS AND INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

SSA will provide the BPD with a finder file containing Social Security Numbers (SSNs) extracted from the Medicare database as specified in this Agreement from the Medicare file of Part D subsidy eligibles, SSA/ORSIS 09-60-0090, as published at 66 FR 11080 (Feb. 21, 2001) and amended at 69 FR 11693 (Mar. 11, 2004). BPD will match the SSNs on the finder file with the SSNs on its savings-type securities—Series E, EE, and I—registration systems. These records are included under the systems of records Treasury/BPD.002, United States Savings Type Securities, and Treasury/BPD.008, Retail Treasury Securities Access Application, last published on May 22, 2001, at 66 FR 28225 and 28235, respectively. SSA will then match BPD data with electronic data from the following system of records: 60-0321 which is being developed to support the Medicare Part D subsidy computer matches.

#### E. INCLUSIVE DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The matching program will become effective no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching 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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### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

#### Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Railroad Retirement Board (RRB))—Match Number 1308

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a new computer matching program.

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

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight 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 telefax to (410) 965-8582 or writing to the Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs, 245 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 Associate Commissioner for Income Security Programs 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 individuals 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 individuals.

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 (DIB) 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 an individual's benefits or payments.

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#### Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB)

##### A. Participating Agencies

SSA and RRB.

##### B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, terms and safeguards under which RRB agrees to the disclosure of RRB annuity payment data to SSA. This disclosure will provide SSA with information necessary to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for prescription drug subsidy assistance under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). The disclosure will also enable SSA to implement a Medicare outreach program mandated by section 1144 of title XI of the Social Security Act. Information disclosed by RRB will enable SSA to identify individuals to determine their eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Medicare transitional assistance prescription drug

cards and subsidized Medicare prescription drug coverage and enable SSA, in turn, to identify these individuals to the States.

*C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program*

The legal authority for SSA to conduct this matching activity is contained in section 1860D-14 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-114) and section 1144 (42 U.S.C. 1320b-14) of the Act.

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

1. Specified Data Elements Used in the Match

a. RRB will electronically furnish SSA with the following RRB annuitant data: name, Social Security Number, date of birth, RRB claim number, and annuity payment.

b. SSA will match this file against the Medicare database.

2. Systems of Records

RRB will provide SSA with electronic files containing RRB annuity payment data from its systems of records, RRB-22 Railroad Retirement Survivors and Pension Benefits Systems (CHICO). RRB will also provide SSA with electronic files of all qualified Railroad beneficiaries from its system of records, RRB-20 (PSRRB). Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), RRB has established routine uses to disclose the subject information.

SSA will match the RRB information with the electronic data from the following system of records: 60-0321 which is currently being developed to support the Medicare Part D subsidy computer matches

*E. Inclusive Dates of the Matching Program*

The matching program will become effective upon signing of the agreement by all parties to the agreement and approval of the agreement by the Data Integrity Boards of the respective agencies, but no sooner than 40 days after notice of the matching program is sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget, 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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**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/ Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA)—Match Number 1309**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a new computer matching program.

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

**DATES:** SSA will file a report of the subject matching program with the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight 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.

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*A. Participating Agencies*

SSA and VA.

*B. Purpose of the Matching Program*

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, terms and safeguards under which VA agrees to the disclosure of VA compensation and pension payment data to SSA. This disclosure will provide SSA with information necessary to verify an individual's self-certification of eligibility for prescription drug subsidy assistance under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). The disclosure will also enable SSA to implement a Medicare outreach program mandated by section 1144 of title XI of the Social Security Act. Information disclosed by VA will enable SSA to identify individuals to determine their eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Medicare transitional assistance prescription drug cards and subsidized Medicare prescription drug coverage and enable SSA, in turn, to identify these individuals to the States.

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