

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**[Docket No. SSA–2024–0043]****Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program****AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces a new matching program with the United States Department of Health and Human Service, the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS). Under this matching program, OCSS will provide SSA with online query access to the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) for administration of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Disability Insurance (DI), and Ticket-to-Work and Self-Sufficiency (Ticket) programs, and will provide SSA with quarterly wage and unemployment insurance data from NDNH through a batch match for administration of the SSI program.

DATES: The deadline to submit comments on the proposed matching program is January 29, 2025.

The matching program will be applicable on January 29, 2025, or once a minimum of 30 days after publication of this notice has elapsed, whichever is later. The matching program will be in effect for a period of 18 months.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of three methods—internet, fax, or mail. Do not submit the same comments multiple times or by more than one method. Regardless of which method you choose, please state that your comments refer to Docket No. SSA–2024–0043 so that we may associate your comments with the correct regulation.

Caution: You should be careful to include in your comments only information that you wish to make publicly available. We strongly urge you not to include in your comments any personal information, such as Social Security numbers or medical information.

1. **Internet:** We strongly recommend that you submit your comments via the internet. Please visit the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Use the Search function to find docket number SSA–2024–0043 and then submit your comments. The system will issue you a tracking number to confirm your submission. You will not be able to view your comment immediately because we must post each submission manually. It may take up to a week for your comments to be viewable.

2. **Fax:** Fax comments to (833) 410–1613.

3. **Mail:** Matthew Ramsey, Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, or emailing Matthew.Ramsey@ssa.gov. Comments are also available for public viewing on the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> or in person, during regular business hours, by arranging with the contact person identified below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Interested parties may submit general questions about the matching program to Cynthia Scott, Division Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21235–6401, at telephone: (410) 966–1943, or send an email to Cynthia.Scott@ssa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Matthew Ramsey,

Executive Director, Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Office of the General Counsel.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

SSA and OCSS.

AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCTING THE MATCHING PROGRAM:

The legal authorities for disclosures under this agreement are the Act and the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. Section 453(j)(4) of the Social Security Act (Act) provides that OCSS shall provide the Commissioner of Social Security with all information in the NDNH. 42 U.S.C. 653(j)(4). SSA has authority to use data to determine entitlement and eligibility for, and to conduct, programs it administers pursuant to 1631(e)(1)(B) and (f) (SSI), 224(h) (DI), 1148 (Ticket) of the Act. 42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B) and (f), 42 U.S.C. 424a(h), and 42 U.S.C. 1320b–19, and 222(d) (Rehabilitation Services), 42 U.S.C. 422(d), and 1615(d) and (e), 42 U.S.C. 1382d(d) and (e). Disclosures under this agreement shall be made in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), and in compliance with the matching procedures in 5 U.S.C 552a(o), (p), and (r).

With respect to the SSI program, subsection 1631(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(f)) provides that “the 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 information with respect thereto.”

With respect to the DI program, subsection 224(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C.

424a(h)) provides that “the head of any Federal agency shall provide such information within its possession as the Commissioner of Social Security may require for purposes of making a timely determination of the amount of the reduction, if any, required by this section in benefits payable under this subchapter, or verifying other information necessary in carrying out the provisions of this section.”

With respect to the Ticket program, subsections 1148(b)(4)(d), and (h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–19(b)(4), (d), and (h)) require SSA to verify earnings of beneficiaries and recipients to make payments to employment network providers under the Ticket program. With respect to cost-reimbursement payments to State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies for services to beneficiaries outside of the Ticket program, subsections 222(d) and 1615(d) and (e) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 422(d), 1382d(d) and (e)) requires SSA to verify earnings of beneficiaries and recipients to ensure accurate payments.

PURPOSE(S):

This agreement governs a matching program between OCSS and SSA. The agreement covers the following information exchange operations wherein OCSS will provide SSA with online query access to the NDNH for administration of SSI, DI, and Ticket programs, and will provide SSA with quarterly wage and unemployment insurance data from NDNH through a batch match for administration of the SSI program.

The Commissioner of Social Security is required to verify eligibility of a recipient or applicant for SSI using independent or collateral sources. SSI benefits may not be determined solely based on declarations by the applicant concerning eligibility factors or other relevant facts. Information is also obtained, as necessary, in order to assure that SSI benefits are only provided to eligible individuals (or eligible spouses) and that the amounts of such benefits are correct. Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B)). The Commissioner of Social Security may review DI benefits to determine if a reduction in benefits is required based on wages or self-employment. Section 224(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 424a(h)).

The Commissioner also evaluates the work activity (employment and earnings levels) of DI and SSI beneficiaries as a basis to make payments to Employment Networks and State VR Agencies under the Ticket program Public Law (Pub. L.) 106–170 and to State VR Agencies pursuant to the State VR reimbursement

program, subsections 222(d) and 1615(d) and (e) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 422(d), 1382d(d) and (e)).

This agreement assists SSA in:

(1) establishing or verifying eligibility or payment amounts, or both under the SSI program;

(2) establishing or verifying eligibility or continuing entitlement under the DI program; and

(3) administering the Ticket program.

These activities include overpayment avoidance and recovery for all three programs. SSA evaluates the cost-benefits, including programmatic and operational impact, which NDNH information has on SSA programs and operations. OCSS and SSA have been parties to matching agreements and recertification for these purposes since 2001.

SSA will use the NDNH comparison information stored in SSA electronic folders, paper folders, and obtained through online query of the NDNH to administer the SSI, DI, and Ticket programs efficiently, as set forth in this agreement. SSA will make the online request through its authorized query applications. This query will submit the request through OCSS' web service. SSA's use of authorized query applications to access the OCSS web service is understood by OCSS and SSA to apply throughout the agreement. This agreement also governs the use, treatment, and safeguarding of the information exchanged.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS:

The individuals whose information is involved in this matching program are individuals who are applicants or recipients of Title II, Title XVI, Ticket-to-Work and Self-Sufficiency programs.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS:

SSA will provide electronically to OCSS the following data elements in the finder file:

- Individual's Social Security number (SSN); and

- Name (first, middle, last)

For the Quarterly Batch Match (SSI), OCSS will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH in the quarterly wage file:

- Quarterly wage record identifier
- For employees:

- (1) Name (first, middle, last)

- (2) SSN

- (3) Verification request code

- (4) Processed date

- (5) Non-verifiable indicator

- (6) Wage amount

- (7) Reporting period

- For employers of individuals in the quarterly wage file of the NDNH:

- (1) Name

- (2) Employer identification number

- (3) Address(es)

- Transmitter agency code

- Transmitter state code

- State or agency name

OCSS will provide electronically to SSA the following data elements from the NDNH in the unemployment insurance file:

- Unemployment insurance record identifier

- Processed date

- SSN

- Verification request code

- Name (first, middle, last)

- Address

- Unemployment insurance benefit amount

- Reporting period

- Transmitter agency code

- Transmitter state code

- State or agency name

Online Query Access (SSI, DI, and Ticket programs). Data elements on quarterly wage screen:

- Quarterly wage record identifier

- Date report processed

- Name/SSN verified

- For Employees:

- (1) SSN

- (2) Name (first, middle, last)

- (3) Date of hire

- For Employers:

- (1) Name

- (2) Employer identification number

- (3) Employer Federal Information

Processing System (FIPS) code (if present)

- (4) Address(es)

Data elements on the new hire screen:

- New hire record identifier

- Name/SSN verified

- Date report processed

- For Employees

- (1) Name

- (2) Employer identification number

- (3) Employer FIPS code (if present)

- (4) Address(es)

Data elements on the unemployment insurance screen:

- Unemployment insurance record identifier

- Name/SSN verified

- SSN

- Name (first, middle, last)

- Address

- Unemployment insurance benefit amount

- Reporting period

- Payer state

- Date report processed

SYSTEM(S) OF RECORDS:

SSA's System of Records (SOR) are the Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits (SSR), 60-0103, last fully published at

71 FR 1830 (January 11, 2006) and amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 FR 31250-31251 (July 3, 2018), 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), at 89 FR 825 (January 5, 2024), and at 89 FR 14554 (February 27, 2024); the Completed Determination Record-Continuing Disability Determination file (CDR-CDD), 60-0050, last fully published at 71 FR 1813 (January 11, 2006), amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), 84 FR 17907 (April 26, 2019), and at 89 FR 825 (January 5, 2024); the Master Beneficiary Record (MBR), 60-0090, last fully published at 71 FR 1826 (January 11, 2006), amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 78 FR 40542 (July 5, 2013), 83 FR 31250-31251 (July 3, 2018), and 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), at 89 FR 825 (January 5, 2024), and at 89 FR 14554 (February 27, 2024); the Electronic Disability (eDIB) Claim File, (60-0320) last fully published at 85 FR 34477 (June 4, 2020), and at 89 FR 14554 (February 27, 2024); the Ticket-to-Work and Self-Sufficiency Program Payment Database, (60-0295) last fully published at 66 FR 17985 (April 4, 2001), and amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), and at 89 FR 825 (January 5, 2024); and the Ticket-to-Work Program Manager (PM) Management Information System, (60-0300) last fully published at 66 FR 32656 (June 15, 2001), and amended at 72 FR 69723 (December 10, 2007), 83 FR 54969 (November 1, 2018), and at 89 FR 825 (January 5, 2024).

OCSE's SOR is the OCSE National Directory of New Hires, System No. 09-80-0381 published in full at 89 FR 25625 (April 11, 2024).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12623]

Proposal To Extend the Cultural Property Agreement Between the United States and Chile

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Proposal to extend the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material of Chile ("the Chile Agreement").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Davis Lehmann, Cultural Heritage Center, Bureau of Educational