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Medicare Modernization Act Outreach Mailer—20 CFR 418—0960—NEW. To: (1) Promote awareness of the Medicare Part D subsidy program; and (2) encourage potentially eligible Medicare beneficiaries to complete Form SSA-1020 (OMB No. 0960-0696, the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs), SSA

plans to use a new outreach brochure including a mailer. Pharmacies, doctors' offices, and medical clinics will display and distribute copies of the brochure incorporating a mailer to encourage eligible Medicare beneficiaries to request and complete Form SSA-1020. The brochure will include an insert beneficiaries complete to request Form SSA-1020 from SSA. SSA will make follow-up phone calls to beneficiaries

who use the mailer to request an SSA-1020 but do not submit it to the Agency. The respondents are Medicare beneficiaries who: (1) Are potentially eligible for Part D subsidy benefits; and (2) request a copy of Form SSA-1020 using the brochure insert.

Type of Request: New information collection.

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
Mailer insert	75,000	1	1	1,250.
Follow-up phone calls	30,000	1	1	500.
Totals	105,000	1,750.

Dated: May 27, 2008.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA-2008-0013]

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Computer Matching Program (SSA/Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Match Number 1016)

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of the renewal of an existing computer matching program, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2008.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act, as amended, this notice announces the renewal of an existing computer matching program that SSA is currently conducting with the IRS.

DATES: IRS 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 renewal of the matching program will be effective as indicated below.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may comment on this notice by either telefax to (410) 965-0201 or writing to the Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management, 800 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 Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management 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.

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: May 22, 2008.

Mary Glenn-Croft,

Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management.

Notice of Computer Matching Program, Social Security Administration (SSA) With Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

A. Participating Agencies

SSA and IRS.

B. Purpose of the Matching Program

The purpose of this matching program is to establish the conditions, terms, and safeguards under which IRS agrees to disclose to SSA certain return information for use in verifying eligibility for, and/or the correct amount of, benefits provided under Title XVI of the Social Security Act to qualified aged, blind and disabled individuals, and federally administered supplementary payments of the type described in section 1616(a) of such Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Public Law 93-66, 87 Stat. 152).

C. Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

Section 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7))

authorizes the IRS to disclose return information with respect to unearned income to Federal, State, and local agencies administering certain federally assisted benefit programs under the Social Security Act and the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

Section 1631(e)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(1)(B)) requires verification of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and benefit amounts with independent or collateral sources. This section of the Act also provides that the "Commissioner of Social Security shall, as may be necessary, request and utilize information available pursuant to section 6103(l)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 * * *" for purposes of federally administered supplementary payments of the type described in section 1616(a) of the Act (including payments pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 212(a) of Public Law 93-66).

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

SSA will provide the IRS with identifying information with respect to applicants for and recipients of Title XVI benefits available under programs specified in this Agreement from the Supplemental Security Income Record and Special Veterans Benefits (SSR), SSA/OASSIS 60-0103, as published at 71FR 1796, 1830-1834 (January 11, 2006). IRS will extract return information with respect to unearned income from the Wage and Information Returns (IRP) Processing File, Treas/IRS 22.061, hereafter referred to as the Information Return Master File (IRMF), as published at 66 FR 63797 (December 10, 2001), through the Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) program.

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 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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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Final Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of complaint forms. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC-11, OSC-12, OSC-13, OSC-14 and the OSC Survey expire 9/30/08. We are submitting all four forms and the electronic survey for renewal, based on the upcoming date of expiration. Two of the four forms are being revised, Forms OSC-11 and OSC-12. Form OSC-11 has had major changes made to its electronic version, so that it has a certain amount of "intelligence" now built in. Depending upon your responses, it navigates you to the proper sections; it also has help menus for those who need more information prior to making their selections. The electronic form OSC-12 had minor modifications made to it, in order to allow it to be integrated into the new software used to support form OSC-11.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the second time. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Additionally, the electronic forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 can be accessed online at <https://www.osc.gov/testnewforms/> for test purposes during the 60 day period of this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received by July 11, 2008. **ADDRESSES:** Roderick Anderson, Director of Planning and Analysis, U.S. Office of Special Counsel,

1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roderick Anderson, Director of Planning and Analysis at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254-3715. The paper versions of the complaint forms for the collection of information are available for review on OSC's Web site, at <http://www.osc.gov/forms.htm>. The screen captures of the electronic forms are available for review on OSC's web site at <http://www.osc.gov/library.htm>. For those wishing to test out the new functionality of the "interactive" form OSC-11 and OSC-12, see above. You will be able to create a user name and password, and log in to test out the form.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.

Title of Collections: (1) Form OSC-11, (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity); (2) Form OSC-12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC-13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Form OSC-14 (Complaint of Possible Violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)).

Type of Information Collection

Request: Approval of a previously approved collection of information, of which the forms and survey expire on 9/30/08. Also request that the revised electronic versions of forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 be approved.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency: Daily.

Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond: 64 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,899 hours.

Abstract: This form is used by current and former Federal employees and