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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[**Docket ID:** DOD-2026-OS-2215**]**

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of a New Matching Program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance on computer matching, the Department of Defense (DoD) is providing notice of the establishment of a new matching program. Pursuant to the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (PIIA), DoD, including its component Defense Health Agency (DHA), is establishing a new matching program consisting of the computerized comparison of its system of records for the Military Health Benefits – TRICARE West Region Program (West) program with the Do Not Pay (DNP) Working System, which is administered by Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service. This matching program will enable the DoD program to compare records maintained in its system of records with records maintained in the DNP Working System for the purposes of identifying and preventing improper payments.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. This proposed action will be effective the day following the end of the comment period unless comments have been received from interested members of the public that require modification and republication of the notice. This new matching program will be effective through September 10, 2029.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

* Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laura White, Accounting Officer, Oracle Federal Financials, DHA/SP&FO/J8, 16401 E. Centretech Pkwy, Aurora, Co 80011, Phone (303) 676-3877.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 amended the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a) by establishing procedural safeguards for agencies' use of records in computerized matching. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 et seq.) provides the authority to waive the requirements for matching agreements in certain cases. Pursuant to this authority, the Secretary of the Treasury, after consulting with the OMB Director, authorized the issuance of a four-year waiver of the requirement for entering into a matching agreement for programs that meet the criteria in OMB Memorandum M-25-32. DoD has determined that the DNP matching program for the Military Health Benefits – TRICARE West Region Program (West) (PIIA Program ID: DOD-0033) is eligible for this waiver.

Participating Agencies: The DoD, through DHA, will match records against the DNP Working System, maintained by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program: The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 et seq.) and OMB Memorandum M-25-32. The Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (31 U.S.C. 3351 et seq.) establishes the DNP Initiative and requires, for

the purposes of identifying and preventing improper payments, each executive agency to have access to, and use of, the relevant databases in DNP to verify payment or award eligibility. Additional applicable authorities for this matching program include Executive Order 13520, Reducing Improper Payments (74 FR 62201); Executive Order 14249, Protecting America's Bank Account Against Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (90 FR 14011); and OMB Memorandum M-25-32, Preventing Improper Payments and Protecting Privacy Through Do Not Pay. Additional information regarding the authorities for the collection and maintenance of information for each of the DoD programs that will conduct matches with the DNP Working System are contained within the systems of records notices listed below.

Purpose(s): The purpose of the matching program is to identify and prevent improper payments by verifying through DNP prepayment or pre-award eligibility.

Categories of Individuals: Applicants for, or recipients of, Federal funds from the Military Health Benefits – TRICARE West Region Program (West) program.

Categories of Records: Data elements to be matched include applicant's name, Social Security Number (SSN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), address, date of birth, and payment/banking information. These data elements include all the records involved in the matching program.

System(s) of Records: The records contained within the DNP Working System are maintained in the Treasury system of records, Bureau of the Fiscal Service .017—Do Not Pay Payment Verification Records (85 FR 11776). The DoD records involved in this matching program are maintained in the following system of records: EDTMA 04, Medical/Dental Claim History Files (80 FR 65720), (90 FR 54312).

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