

within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces one award to fund Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C. for approximately \$800,000 in Federal Fiscal Year 2026, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2–5 will be set at continuation.

DATES: The period for this award will be September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

CAPT. E. Azziz-Baumgartner, USPHS, Global Influenza Branch Chief, Influenza Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd., Atlanta, GA, Global Influenza Branch, Phone: 404–639–2555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The single source award will support the recipient to improve or maintain capacity to conduct seasonal influenza surveillance and detect and respond to pandemic and novel influenza. In addition, the activities under this award enhance capacity to detect and respond to novel influenza viruses, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza, as well as identify outbreaks of severe respiratory illness syndrome and other infectious disease threats through both epidemiologic and virologic detection. These activities will strengthen connections between national institutions, especially National Influenza Centers, to fully participate in data sharing and maintain capacity to share specimens, as well as clinical and epidemiologic data related to influenza circulation.

Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C. is in a unique position to conduct this work, as it is the designated entity responsible for leading influenza surveillance. It has the expertise to support health service delivery and oversee the national coordination of surveillance, preparedness, prevention, and response activities to all forms of health threats and public health emergencies.

Summary of the Award

Recipient: Fundacion Mexico-Estados Unidos Para La Ciencia, A.C.

Purpose of the award: The purpose of this award is to support surveillance and response for pandemic and novel influenza and other infectious disease threats in Mexico.

Authority: This program is authorized under §§ 307 and 317(k) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242l and 247b(k)).

Period of performance: September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2031.

Jamie Legier,

Chief Grants Management Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of a new matching program.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is providing notice of the re-establishment of a matching program between CMS and the Department of War for “Verification of Eligibility for Minimum Essential Coverage Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through a Department of War Health Benefits Plan.”

DATES: The deadline for comments on this notice is September 4, 2026. The re-established matching program will commence not sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice, provided no comments are received that warrant a change to this notice. The matching program will be conducted for an initial term of 18 months and within 3 months of expiration may be renewed for up to one additional year if the parties make no change to the matching program and certify that the program has been conducted in compliance with the matching agreement.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may submit comments on this notice to the CMS Privacy Act Officer by mail at: Division of Security, Privacy Policy & Governance, Information Security & Privacy Group, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Location: N1–14–56, 7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244–1850 or by email at Barbara.Demopoulos@cms.hhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about the matching program, you may contact Terence Kane, Director, Division of Automated Verifications and SEP Policy, Marketplace Eligibility and Enrollment

Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, at (301) 492–4449, by email at Terence.kane@cms.hhs.gov, or by mail at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides certain protections for individuals applying for and receiving federal benefits. The law governs the use of computer matching by federal agencies when records in a system of records (meaning, federal agency records about individuals retrieved by name or other personal identifier) are matched with records of other federal or non-federal agencies. The Privacy Act requires agencies involved in a matching program to:

1. Enter into a written agreement, which must be prepared in accordance with the Privacy Act, approved by the Data Integrity Board of each source and recipient federal agency, provided to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and made available to the public, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o), (u)(3)(A), and (u)(4).

2. Notify the individuals whose information will be used in the matching program that the information they provide is subject to verification through matching, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(1)(D).

3. Verify match findings before suspending, terminating, reducing, or making a final denial of an individual's benefits or payments or taking other adverse action against the individual, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(p).

4. Report the matching program to Congress and the OMB, in advance and annually, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(o) (2)(A)(i), (r), and (u)(3)(D).

5. Publish advance notice of the matching program in the **Federal Register** as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12).

This matching program meets these requirements.

Barbara Demopoulos,

Privacy Act Officer, Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance, Office of Information Technology, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Participating Agencies

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the recipient agency, and the Department of War (identified in the applicable system of records notice as Department of Defense) is the source agency.

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The principal authority for the matching program is 42 U.S.C. 18001, *et seq.*

Purpose(s)

The purpose of the matching program is to assist CMS in determining individuals' eligibility for financial assistance in paying for private health insurance coverage. In this matching program, the Department of War provides CMS with daily files, indicating whether an individual who is seeking eligibility determination for financial assistance is enrolled in TRICARE. CMS makes this data available to state administering entities (AEs) through a data services hub, under a separate matching agreement. CMS and AEs use the Department of War data to verify whether an individual who is applying for or is enrolled in private health insurance coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange is eligible for coverage under a Department of War health benefit plan, for the purpose of determining the individual's eligibility for financial assistance (including an advance tax credit and cost sharing reduction, which are types of insurance affordability programs) in paying for private health insurance coverage. The Department of War health benefit plans provide minimum essential coverage, and eligibility for such plans precludes eligibility for financial assistance in paying for private coverage. The data provided by the Department of War under this matching program will be used by CMS and AEs to authenticate identity, determine eligibility for financial assistance, and determine the amount of any financial assistance.

Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program are: (1) individuals who are eligible for or enrolled in a TRICARE plan, identified in data CMS receives from the Department of War, and (2) consumers who apply for or are enrolled in private insurance coverage under a qualified health plan through a federally-facilitated or state-based health insurance exchange (and other relevant individuals, such as applicants and enrollees' household members), whose records are matched against the data CMS receives from the Department of War.

Categories of Records

The categories of records which will be provided by the Department of War

to CMS in this matching program are identity records and minimum essential coverage period records, consisting of these data elements: Social Security Numbers (SSNs), Coverage Begin Date(s) and Coverage End Date(s).

System(s) of Records

A. System of Records Maintained by CMS

The applicable CMS system of records is CMS Health Insurance Exchanges System (HIX), CMS System No. 09–70–0560, last published in full at 78 FR 63211 (Oct. 23, 2013), as amended at 83 FR 6591 (Feb. 14, 2018).

B. System of Records Maintained by the Department of War

The applicable Department of War system of records is DMDC 02 DoD, Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), last published in full at 87 FR 32384 (May 31, 2022).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Monitoring and Compliance for Office of Refugee Resettlement Care Provider Facilities

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is inviting public comments on the proposed revisions to an information collection. The Monitoring and Compliance for ORR Care Provider Facilities information collection consists of several forms that will allow the Monitoring and Compliance Bureau (MCB) and Unaccompanied Alien Children Bureau (UACB) to better monitor UACB-funded care provider facilities for compliance with federal and state laws and regulations, licensing and accreditation standards, ORR policies and procedures, and child welfare standards. This request includes the addition of nine new instruments, discontinuation of obsolete instruments, and revisions to

remaining currently approved instruments.

DATES: *Comments due* October 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: This request is to revise 5 existing forms in this collection, add 9 new forms, and discontinue 33 forms.

Proposed Form Revisions

Global Revisions (made where applicable)

- Changed “unaccompanied child (UC)” to “unaccompanied alien child (UAC)”
 - Changed the field label for “Gender” to “Sex” and limit options to Male or Female
- Incident Review Forms (Forms M–5A to M–5B)*
- Revised instructions at beginning of the forms for clarity
 - Reworded several headings and questions for clarity
 - Added several questions to ensure that the information the care provider submits to ORR provides a clear and complete picture of the incident

Home Study and Post-Release Services Site Visit Guide (Form M–7E)

- Revised the form for clarity, consistency, and alignment with current ORR monitoring expectations
- Reorganized and expanded key sections to collect more specific information about program operations, service delivery, safety practices, documentation, and compliance
- Added new content areas on program capacity, personnel onboarding and training, finance, language access, Notifications of Concern, sponsor/address flagging, subrecipient oversight, and background-check compliance
- Updated the pre-site visit materials request to include more detailed documentation on policies, staff background checks, training, post-release services tools, and subrecipient monitoring

ORR–Funded Program Leadership Interview Tool (Form M–13A) and Home Study and Post-Release Services Caseworker Interview Tool (Form M–13B)