

Public Assistance Reporting Information System

PARIS and MMIS

Working Together to Reduce Improper Payments

**MMIS Conference
August 16, 2007**



Who Uses PARIS?

43 Jurisdictions have joined PARIS

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

Florida

Georgia

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

Nevada

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Puerto Rico

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Utah

Virginia

Washington

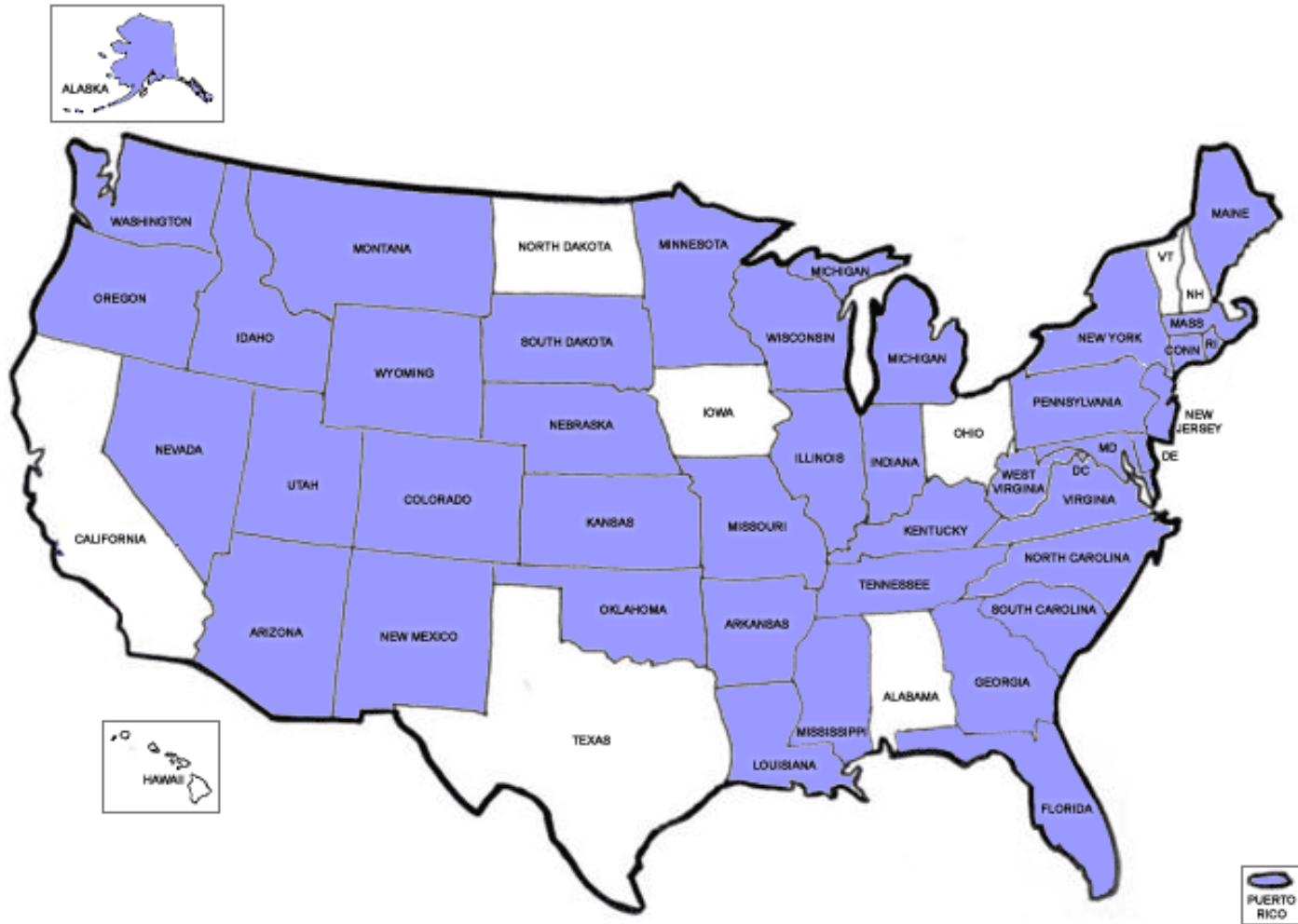
Washington, DC

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

PARIS Members States



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**Over 4 Million matches from
August 1999 thru May 2007
and still going strong!**



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WHAT IS PARIS?

PARIS is a computer matching process by which the Social Security Numbers of public assistance recipients are matched against various Federal databases and participating States.

PARIS is operated under the auspices of the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The PARIS History

- **1999**
 - **First Interstate match; Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) joins program.**
- **2002-2004**
 - **Access to new Federal databases (Surviving Spouse added to VA)**
 - **Counties allowed to participate.**
- **2005-2006**
 - **Congress provided \$2M in funding both fiscal years.**
 - **Grant Announcements issued in 2005 and 2006 providing funding for partnership agreements.**
 - **Evaluation Contract awarded in September 2005.**
 - **PARIS all State Conference held in December 2005.**
 - **Grant Announcement issued for IT Format Changes.**

The PARIS History (continued)

- **2007**
 - **PARIS is authorized another \$2M in funding.**
 - **PARIS second all State Conference held in March.**
 - **PARIS IT Format Grants awarded in March.**
 - **PARIS IT Format upgraded to accommodate two new matching programs for the August quarterly match.**
 - **PARIS family grows to 43 Member States.**
 - **PARIS Evaluation is complete as of June 30.**

The Basics

- **PARIS provides 3 matches in one...Federal, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Interstate focusing on 5 Programs: TANF, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Child Care and “Workers Compensation”.**
- **Matches offered quarterly - February, May, August and November.**
- **Match by SSN.**
- **Raises a “red flag”.**
- **Aid program integrity.**

The Federal Role (ACF)

- **ACF Central point of contact.**
- **PARIS Board of Directors - UT*, WA, CT, DE, NY, OK.**
- **Manage website.**
- **Promote quarterly usage/Encourage State enrollment.**

*** President of the Board**

The Legal Stuff

- **States decide on PARIS participation based on voluntary involvement (No unfunded mandates).**
- **All PARIS data must be transmitted from one source in each State.**

Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)

- **Receives encrypted data electronically via Connect:Direct.**
- **Requires only one State data file to match against VA, Interstate, and Federal matches.**
- **Not a national welfare database.**
- **All privacy concerns apply.**

What's the Cost?

- **Data transmission and matching report are provided at no cost to participating jurisdictions.**
- **DMDC assumes all computer facility costs.**
- **State programming, data preparation, and resulting match analysis costs are the only costs that are assumed by States.**
- **Oklahoma incurred \$20,820; Oregon incurred \$7,840 in implementation costs.**

The Increased Workload

- **Matched cases need review.**
- **Added time investment of 0.5 to 2.5 hours/case.**
- **Contact client for confirmation/verification.**
- **Overpayment/sanction processing.**
- **Correction or collection process.**

Using Filters

- **To decrease match analysis:**
 - **Demographics (date of birth, sex).**
 - **Sixty day overlap.**
 - **Minimum benefit (ex. \$50) .**
 - **Skip previous matches.**

Medicaid and VA Issues

- **VA match provides valuable data with respect to Medicaid and TRICARE relevant to the discharge of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans from active military duty.**
- **Provides information on spouses and dependents.**
- **Aspects of Long Term Care and Medicaid estate recovery program (OBRA 93)**
- **Encourage working relationships with State VA Offices. (ex. - Washington State)**

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STATE REPORTED SAVINGS/COST AVOIDANCE AS A RESULT OF PARIS

Pennsylvania

\$73.3M

North Carolina

\$246,699

Washington

\$8.3M

Tennessee

\$2M

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STATE REPORTED SAVINGS/COST AVOIDANCE AS A RESULT OF PARIS

New York

\$192.1M

DC

\$4.2M

Oklahoma

\$1.2M

Rhode Island

\$631,353

**EIGHT STATES' REPORTED SAVINGS
AS A RESULT OF PARIS**
and documented on the PARIS website!

\$282,186,913

Why Should You Use PARIS?

One match does it all (one-stop shopping)

- Incorporates 5 matches for 1 submission.**
- Utilizes same labor for numerous matches.**

PARIS Expands and Adds Two Programs

An option is now available in the Interstate match for States to receive Child Care and Workers' Compensation Data to determine if that SSN is receiving benefits in any other State:

- A Child Care Indicator in the new format provides additional information with regard to whether the SSN is a Parent, Child or Provider**
- Since all PARIS data must be submitted through a single State contact, States must coordinate their submissions with their respective PARIS State authorized contacts.**
- No additional legal approval is required; a memorandum of agreement within your State may be required for those Departments outside of the PARIS Authorized Agency .**

Endorsements

GAO Report No. 01-935 (Government Accountability Office) entitled “PARIS Project Can Help States Reduce Improper Payments” dated 9/6/2001 and is on our website cited:

- More States participating can maximize potential savings.**
- Medicaid accounted for over 50% of matches.**

PARIS Evaluation Report, an 18 month study, will be released in the near future and posted on the PARIS website.

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Official PARIS Website

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/paris>



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