

## ALTERNATIVE PAF RENEWAL POLICY

The USPS® has modified the existing NCOA<sup>Link</sup> Processing Acknowledgement Form (PAF) renewal policy to make the process more effective for both licensees and their customers. The Alternative PAF Renewal policy serves as an option to the existing PAF renewal policy. The two models enable licensees to choose an option that best suits their business needs.

The purpose of the Alternative PAF Renewal policy is to assist Licensees in streamlining their processes of maintaining an accurate account of their customers, while adhering to the guidelines set forth in the NCOA<sup>Link</sup> license agreements. This policy also enables the USPS and mailing industry to continue to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974.

The Alternative PAF Renewal option is not applicable to foreign PAFs since required information for foreign processing often changes for each request.

### Existing Policy

- Prior to customers' anniversary dates, Licensees will notify their customers that their current PAFs are nearing expiration and they will need to complete new PAFs, even if contact or address information has not changed.
- Future NCOA<sup>Link</sup> processing cannot be performed if the existing PAFs expire before new ones are received.
- Copies of the PAFs are maintained and kept on file for a period of six (6) years from the date of execution.

### Alternative Policy

- Prior to customers' anniversary dates, Licensees will send PAF renewal notifications via email, fax, US mail, or website click-through acknowledgement requesting customers to review their existing PAFs and provide any changes to their contact or address information.
- If there are no changes, customers do not have to complete a new PAF. However if any information has changed, customers will need to update their existing PAFs and resubmit them to the Licensee. In cases where the person who completed the original PAF is no longer with the company or is no longer the List Custodian, a new PAF must be completed and submitted to the Licensee prior to NCOA<sup>Link</sup> processing.
- A copy of the original PAF and the subsequent annual email, fax or letter sent via US mail should be kept in Licensees' files for a minimum of six (6) years as proof of the annual request for updates to PAF information for their customers.
  - If Licensees choose to send email notifications, a generic email may be sent to many customers at the same time.
  - The email, fax or copy of the letter will be retained for a minimum of six (6) years as proof that all customers were contacted unless customers provide the Licensees with updated information. In these cases, the revised PAF will replace the existing PAF on file.
  - If customers fail to respond to Licensees' annual emails, faxes or letters requesting customers to review their existing PAFs, Licensees should accept that there are no changes to existing PAF and it should remain current and be retained (even beyond six years) until there is a change.
- It is the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure a completed and updated PAF is maintained and on file for each of their customers.