

Abstract: VA Form Letter 21-863 is used by VA adjudicators to determine the address of a child attaining the age of majority and to determine the child's status. Title 38, CFR 3.403 provides direct payment to a child, if competent, from the date the child reaches the age of majority. Title 38, CFR 3.667 provided that a child may be paid from a child's 18th birthday based upon school attendance. This form letter solicits information needed to determine eligibility to benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,767 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,600.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary:

Sandra McIntyre,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0393]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Acquisitions and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Acquisitions and Materiel Management (OA&MM), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine whom to award contracts or with whom to enter into blanket purchase agreements.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Donald E. Kaliher, Office of Acquisitions and Materiel Management (95A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0393" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Kaliher at (202) 273-8819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, OA&MM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OA&MM's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OA&MM's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Part 813.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0393.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA issues requests for quotations (RFQs) under the procedures of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13 and VAAR Part 813 for the acquisition of the goods and services necessary to operate the Department. In addition, VA requests information from vendors for the purpose of establishing blanket purchase agreements (BPAs). Any individual or business wishing to submit an offer on an RFQ or respond to a request for the establishment of a BPA may do so. VA will use the information to determine to which business or individual VA should issue a purchase order for the acquisition of goods or services or to determine with which business or individual VA should establish a BPA. This collection of information covers only those acquisition-related actions conducted under the procedures of FAR Part 13 and VAAR Part 813 that affect 10 or more persons and are, therefore, subject

to the PRA. Such actions include open market competitive acquisitions between \$25,000 and \$100,000 and, for commercial items, acquisitions between \$100,000 and \$5 million where simplified procedures are used.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Individuals and households; and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,650 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,650.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0598]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to aid physicians in diagnosing and treating Gulf War veterans.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0598" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: National Health Survey of Gulf War Era Veterans and their Families: Phase III Physical Examinations.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0598.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: In November of 1994 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs was directed by the "Persian Gulf War Veterans' Benefits Act," Title I of the "Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1994," Public Law 103-446, to conduct a health survey of Persian Gulf veterans and their spouses and children. In response to the legislative mandate, the VHA initiated a survey entitled "National Health Survey of Gulf War Era Veterans and their Families." The present survey protocol represents Phase III of the study, clinical examinations of a sample of 1,000 Gulf War veterans and their spouses and children and 1,000 Gulf War era nondeployed veterans and their spouses and children. The Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee approved this study in September of 1997. Physicians within and outside the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital system will

use the information collected during Phase III to aid in diagnosing and treating Gulf War veterans. Researchers will also use the information to further identify any possible illnesses associated with the myriad of symptoms presented by Gulf War veterans.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 140,046 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 25 hours, 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: The forms will be completed by the clinical staff once during at two-day battery of examinations; there will be no follow-up visits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,492 study participants. (A total 2,000 veterans, 1,520 spouses, and 1,972 children will be examined during Phase III.)

Dated: December 23, 1999.

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