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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Public Debt

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Certificate by Legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, of Authority to Act and of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before April 11, 2000, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Vicki S. Thorpe, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Vicki S. Thorpe, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Parkersburg, WV 26106-1328, (304) 480-6553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate By legal Representative(s) of Decedent's Estate, During Administration, Of Authority To Act and Of Distribution Where Estate Holds No More Than \$1000 (face amount) United States Savings and Retirement Securities, Excluding Checks Representing Interest.

OMB Number: 1535-0060.

Form Number: PD F 2488-1.

Abstract: The information is requested to establish legal representative of a decedent's estate authority to act and request disposition of securities.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,300.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,575.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fund Availability Under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs is announcing the availability of funds of operational assistance under the per diem component of VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program. Specifically, programs or components or programs that have not previously applied for or received per diem in connection with a grant under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program are eligible. This Notice contains information concerning the program, application process, and amount of funding available.

DATES: An original completed and collated per diem application (plus two

completed collated copies) for assistance under the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program must be received in Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group, Washington, DC, by 4:00 PM Eastern Time on March 29, 2000. Applications may not be sent by facsimile (FAX). In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, this deadline is firm as to date and hour, and VA will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their material to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems.

FOR A COPY OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE,

CONTACT: The Grant and Per Diem Program at (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334. For a document relating to the VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, see the final rule codified at 38 CFR Part 17.700.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION: An original completed and collated *per diem application* (plus two copies) must be submitted to the following address: Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Applications must be received in the Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group by the application deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Casey, VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Mental Health Strategic Healthcare Group (116E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420; (toll-free) 1-877-332-0334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Notice announces the availability of funds for assistance under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for eligible programs, established after November 10, 1992, or expanded after November 30, 1999, that have not previously applied for or received per diem in connection with a grant (see 38 CFR 17.716). This program is authorized by Public Law 102-590, the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992, as amended. Funding applied for under this Notice may be used for aid for service centers and supportive housing. Funding will be in the form of per diem payments issued to eligible entities for an expected period not to exceed 24 months, subject to availability of funds. For eligibility criteria please refer to 38 CFR Part 17.716.

Authority: VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is authorized by