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Titles: a. Application for Furnishing Nursing Home Care to Beneficiaries of Veterans Affairs, VA Form 10-1170.

b. Residential Care Home Program—Sponsor Application, VA Form 10-2407.

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA medical centers and VA Central Office use the information on the forms to determine non-Federal nursing home or the residential care home qualification for providing care to veterans.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: a. VA Form 10-1170-167 hours.

b. VA Form 10-2407-83 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: a. VA Form 10-1170-20 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-2407-5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Generally one time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: a. VA Form 10-1170-500.

b. VA Form 10-2407-1,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0098]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine if spouses, surviving spouses, and children of veterans are eligible for Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0098" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

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, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA'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: Application for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Under Provisions of Chapter 35, Title 38, U.S.C.), VA Form 22-5490.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0098.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-5490 serves as an application for Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA). Spouses, surviving spouses, and children of

veterans must submit evidence to establish eligibility and entitlement to DEA under Title 38, U.S.C., 3513. VA uses the information to determine if an individual claimant qualifies for DEA benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,050 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once—Initial Application.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,100.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

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Director, Information Management Service.

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DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0198" in any correspondence.