DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0012]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 et seq.), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 28, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–8030. FAX (202) 273–5981 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0012.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


OMB Control Number: 2900–0012.

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

Abstract: The form is used by the insured to apply for cash surrender value or policy loan on his/her Government Life Insurance. The information is used by VA to process the insurer’s request for a loan or cash surrender.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on February 15, 2001 at pages 10564–10565.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,939 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,636.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0012” in any correspondence.


By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,
Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of System of Records—“Spinal Cord Dysfunction-Registry—VA.”

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the Federal Register a notice of the existence and character of their system of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing a new system of records entitled “Spinal Cord Dysfunction—Registry (SCD–R)—VA” (108VA11S).

DATES: Comments on the establishment of this new system of records must be received no later than June 28, 2001. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective June 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed new system of records may be submitted to the Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Privacy Act Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (727) 320–1839.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Description of the Proposed System of Records

The Spinal Cord Dysfunction (SCD)—Registry provides a registry of veterans with spinal cord injury and disorders (SCI&D). This registry contains pertinent information on veterans with SCI&D and enables better coordination of care among VHA staff. The purpose of the registry is to assist clinicians, administrators, and researchers in identifying and tracking services for veterans with spinal cord dysfunction resulting from trauma or diseases. The SCD—Registry can also facilitate clinical, administrative, and research reports for medical center use. Local Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA) SCD—Registries provide aggregate data to the National SCD—Registry database at the Austin Automation Center (AAC). This centralized AAC registry is used to provide a VA-wide review of veteran demographics and clinical aspects of injury and disorders for administrative and research purposes.

These records contain identifying information including name, social security number (SSN), date of birth, unique record identifiers, and registration date. SCD—Registry registration information may include registration status, neurologic level of injury, etiology, date of onset, type of cause, completeness of injury, and annual evaluation dates offered and received. Each local medical center facility has a VistA based SCD—Registry software package that interactively functions with other clinical VistA based software. The SCD—Registry program and other programs at the respective facilities automatically flag records or events for transmission based upon functionality requirements. Data transmissions between VA health care facilities and the VA databases housed at the AAC are accomplished using the...