

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration Conference Room 542, 1800 G Street, NW., Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the requirements of organizations or entities offering licensing and certification tests to individuals for which payment for such tests may be made under chapters 30, 32, 34, or 35 of title 38, United States Code.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks by Ms. Sandra Winborne, Committee Chair. During the morning session, the Committee will receive a progress report on the Licensing and Certification Approval System (LACAS) as part of The Education Expert System (TEES); a presentation on licensure and certification usage, and discuss any old business. The afternoon session will include discussion of any new business.

Interested persons may file written statements to the Committee before the meeting, or within 10 days after the meeting, with Mr. Giles Larrabee, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (225B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Oral statements from the public will be heard at 1 p.m. on February 24. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Giles Larrabee or Mr. Michael Yunker at (202) 273-7187.

Dated: January 20, 2004.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riffin,

Committee Management Officer.

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National Commission on VA Nursing; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) give notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Commission on VA

Nursing will hold its eighth meeting on February 10-11, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Walt Disney World Resort, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. On Tuesday, February 10, the meeting will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. On Wednesday, February 11, the meeting will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding legislative and organizational policy changes to enhance the recruitment and retention of nurses and other nursing personnel in VA. The Commission is required to submit to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report, not later than two years from May 8, 2002, on its findings and recommendations.

On February 10 and 11, the Commission will complete its consideration of recommendations to be submitted to Congress and the Secretary. This is expected to be the last formal meeting of the Commission.

Members of the public may direct written questions or submit prepared statements for review by the Commission in advance of the meeting, to Ms. Oyweda Moorer, Director of the National Commission on VA Nursing, at Department of Veterans Affairs (108N), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Ms. Stephanie Williams, Program Analyst at (202) 273-4944.

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of amendment to system of records.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records entitled "The Revenue

Program—Billing and Collections Records—VA" (114VA17) as set forth in the **Federal Register** 67 FR 41573-41578 dated June 18, 2002. VA is re-numbering the system of records and also amending the System Location, the Categories of Records in the System, the Purpose(s), the Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses, and the System Manager(s) and Address. VA is republishing the system notice in its entirety.

DATES: Comments on this new system of records must be received no later than February 27, 2004. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective February 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand-deliver written comments concerning the proposed amended system of records to the Director, Regulations Management (00REG1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9026; or e-mail comments to OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov. All relevant material received before February 27, 2004, will be considered. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION 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: The purpose of this Billing and Collections system of records is to compile all relative information in order to (1) bill to or collect from third parties (insurance carriers) for medical care or services received by a veteran for a nonservice-connected condition; (2) bill to or collect from other Federal agencies for medical care or services received by an eligible beneficiary; (3) bill to or collect from a veteran required to make co-payments based on eligibility (first party) for medical care or services received by a veteran for a nonservice-connected condition; (4) identify and/or verify insurance coverage of a veteran or veteran's spouse prior to submitting claims for medical care or services; (5) submit appeals to third parties for non-reimbursement of claims for medical care or services provided to a veteran; (6) enroll health care providers, utilizing the Provider Healthcare Ongoing Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Billing Enrollment software (PHOEBE), with