

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0188]

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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine eligibility and authorize funding for various prosthetic services.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (19E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0188" in any correspondence.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3521), 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.

Titles:

- a. Request to Submit Estimate, Form Letter 10-90.
- b. Loan Follow-up Letter, Form Letter 10-426.
- c. Veterans Application for Assistance in Acquiring Home Improvement and Structural Alterations, VA Form 10-0103.
- d. Application for Adaptive Equipment Motor Vehicle, VA Form 10-1394.
- e. Prosthetic Authorization for Items or Services, VA Form 10-2421.
- f. Prosthetic Service Card Invoice, VA Form 10-2520.
- g. Prescription and Authorization for Eyeglasses, VA Form 10-2914.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0188.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The following forms will be used to determine eligibility, prescribe, authorize prosthetic devices, and obtain follow-up information on loaned prosthetic items, glasses, and adaptation to house and automobile:

- a. VA Form Letter 10-90 is used to obtain to estimated price for prosthetic devices.
- b. Form Letter 10-426 is used to inventory prosthetic devices loaned to eligible veterans. The form letter inventories the loaned items and solicits information from the beneficiary to determine the current status, the need to replace, extend the loan period or terminate the loaned items.

c. VA Form 10-0103 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for home improvement and structural alterations.

d. VA Form 10-1394 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for automotive adaptive equipment.

e. VA Form 10-2421 is used for the direct procurement of new prosthetic appliances and/or services. The form standardizes the direct procurement authorization process, eliminating the need for separate purchase orders, expedites patient treatment and improves the delivery of prosthetic services.

f. VA Form 10-2520 is used by the vendors as an invoice and billing document. The form standardizes repair/treatment invoices for prosthetic services rendered and standardizes the verification of these invoices. The veteran certifies that the repairs were necessary and satisfactory. This form is furnished to vendors upon request.

g. VA Form 10-2914 is used as a combination prescription, authorization and invoice for eyeglasses.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit and Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 48,522 hours.

- a. Form Letter 10-90—708.
- b. Form Letter 10-426—17.
- c. VA Form 10-0103—583.
- d. VA Form 10-1394—2,500.
- e. VA Form 10-2421—4,667.
- f. VA Form 10-2520—47.
- g. VA Form 10-2914—40,000.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. Form Letter 10-90—5 minutes.
 - b. Form Letter 10-426—1 minute.
 - c. VA Form 10-0103—5 minutes.
 - d. VA Form 10-1394—15 minutes.
 - e. VA Form 10-2421—4 minutes.
 - f. VA Form 10-2520—4 minutes.
 - g. VA Form 10-2914—4 minutes.
- Frequency of Response:* On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 697,200.

- a. Form Letter 10-90—8,500.
- b. Form Letter 10-426—1,000.
- c. VA Form 10-0103—7,000.
- d. VA Form 10-1394—10,000.
- e. VA Form 10-2421—70,000.
- f. VA Form 10-2520—700.
- g. VA Form 10-2914—600,000.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary:

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0138]

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 information needed to determine a claimant's appropriate rate of pension.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0138" 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 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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: Request for Details of Expenses, VA Form 21-8049.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0138.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21-8049 is used to gather the necessary information to determine the amounts of any deductible expenses paid by the claimant and/or commercial life insurance received in order to adjust the annual income. Pension is an income-based program, and the payable rate depends on annual income. Without this information, VA would be unable to authorize pension benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 5,700 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,800.

Dated: May 28, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary:

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Pub. L. 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on June 28-29, 2004, at the VA Medical Center located at 385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange, NJ. The meeting will be held in Room 11137, War Related Illness and Injuries Study Center (WRIISC). The session on June 28 will

convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. The session on June 29 will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Both sessions will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War.

On June 28, the Committee will be briefed on a number of research presentations from the staff of the East Orange WRIISC. In the afternoon there will be clinical presentations and a roundtable discussion. On June 29, the Committee will hear a presentation on "Understanding the Biochemical Basis of Gulf War Illnesses" by Sharon Mates, PhD, and Allen Feinberg, PhD, of Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. In the afternoon, the Committee will receive an update on recent research and discuss the Committee's 2004 report. Time will be available for public comment on both days.

Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Laura O'Shea, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs (008A1), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

Dated: June 1, 2004.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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