

Title: Regulation for Submission of Evidence—Title 38 CFR 17.1C1 (a) (2).
OMB Control Number: 2900–0606.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The regulation authorizes VA to bill “reasonable charges” instead of “reasonable cost” for medical care or services provided or furnished to a veteran for a non-service connected disability. Under the provisions of 38 CFR 17.101(a)(4), a third party payer that is liable for reimbursing VA for care and services VA provided to a veteran with non-service-connected conditions continues to have the option of paying either the billed charges or the amount the health plan demonstrates it would pay to providers other than entities of the United States for the same care or services in the same geographic area. If the amount submitted for payment is less than the amount billed, VA will accept the submission as payment, subject to verification at VA’s discretion. VA may request the third-party payer to submit evidence or information to substantiate the appropriateness of the payment amount (e.g., health plan policies, provider agreements, medical evidence, and proof of payment to other providers demonstrating the amount paid for the same care and services VA provided). VA uses the information to determine whether the third-party payer has met the test of properly demonstrating its equivalent private sector provider payment amount for the same care or services and within the same geographic area as provided by VA.

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 January 11, 2005, at pages 1934–1935.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Individuals or households, not for profit institutions, farms, Federal government, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 800 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Dated: May 10, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0116]

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. 3501–3521), 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 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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. 2900–0116.”

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB 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. 2900–0116” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution, VA Form 21–4193.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0116.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The data collected on VA Form 21–4193 is used to determine whether a beneficiary’s VA compensation or pension rate should be reduced or terminated when he or she is incarcerated in a penal institution in excess of 60 days after conviction.

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 January 11, 2005, at pages 1935–1936.

Affected Public: Federal government, and State, local or tribal government.
Estimated Annual Burden: 416 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,664.

Dated: May 10, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0166]

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. 3501–3521), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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. 2900–0166.”

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA’s OMB 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. 2900–0166” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles:
a. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 65,

National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485.

b. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 70, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485a.

c. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 65, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8700.

d. Information About Modified Life Reduction, VA Forms 29-8700a-e and VA Forms 29-8701a-e.

e. Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, Replacement Insurance for Modified Life Reduced at Age 70, National Service Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8701.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0166.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Policyholders use forms to apply for replacement of Modified Life insurance. Modified Life insurance coverage is reduced automatically by one-half from its present face value on the day before a policyholder's 65th and 70th birthdays. Policyholders who wish to maintain the same amount of coverage must purchase whole life insurance prior to their 65th and 70th birthdays to replace the coverage that will be lost when the Modified Life insurance is reduced.

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 November 12, 2004, at pages 65503-65504.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,284 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,400.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0079]

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. 3501-3521), 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 23, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), 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. 2900-0079."

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB 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. 2900-0079" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Employment Questionnaire, VA Forms 21-4140, 21-4140-1.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0079.

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

Abstract: Claimants who are under the age of 60 and receiving individual unemployability compensation at 100 percent rate are required to complete VA Form 21-4140 and 21-4101-1 certifying that they are still unable to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation because of a service connected-disability. VA will use the information collected to determine the claimant's continued entitlement to individual unemployability benefits.

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 January 31, 2005, at page 4919.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 10,833 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130,000.

Dated: May 10, 2005.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will hold a meeting on Monday and Tuesday, June 13-14, 2005, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, 14th & K Streets, NW., Washington, DC. On June 13, the meeting will convene at 1 p.m. and recess at 4:30 p.m. The June 14 session will convene at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. the meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on research and development sponsored and/or conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs to include policies and programs of the Research and Development Office.

The meeting will feature a review of the VA research portfolio and a summary of current budget allocations. The Council will also discuss performance measures designed to perform program evaluations and provide feedback on the direction/focus of VA's research initiatives.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Designated Federal Office, at (202) 254-0200. Oral comments from the public will not be accepted at the meeting. Written statements or comments should be transmitted electronically to karen.scott@hq.med.va.gov or mailed to Ms. Scott at Department of Veterans