

Commission survey will be used to determine whether disabled veterans and their survivors are appropriately compensated for impact of disability on quality of life under the current disability rating system. The Veterans' Disability Commission will use the survey data along with other collected information to develop recommendations for the disability benefits program in a report to the President and Congress.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households and Not-for-Profit-Institutions.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 12,865 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25,063.

Dated: June 30, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21083 Series)]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to develop a patient satisfaction survey for hospitalized veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 11, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann

W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21083 series)" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann W. Bickoff, (202) 273-8310 or Fax (202) 273-9381.

**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.

*Title:* Pilot of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) and Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients (SHEP) Satisfaction Survey Instruments, VA Forms 10-21083a through 10-21083e.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (10-21083 series).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* VA will conduct a series of five pilots to better understand how the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAPHS) questionnaire (either alone or combined with all or part of VA's Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients (SHEP) survey) will perform in measuring patient satisfaction, and how hospitalized veteran patients will respond to healthcare related questions using the HCAHPS questionnaire.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,625 hours.

10-21083a—362.50 hours.

10-21083b—725 hours.

10-21083c—1,087.50 hours.

10-21083d—725 hours.

10-21083e—725 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:*

10-21083a—15 minutes.

10-21083b—30 minutes.

10-21083c—45 minutes.

10-21083d—30 minutes.

10-21083de—30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,250.

Dated: June 26, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (EHSRDV)]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness, 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 Office of Policy, Planning and Preparedness (OPP&P), 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 August 14, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374 or Fax (202) 565-7045 or e-mail: [denise.mclamb@va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@va.gov). Please refer to "2900-New (EHSRDV)."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
*Title:* Employment Histories Survey of Recently Discharged Veterans.  
*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (EHSRDV).  
*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* VA will use the data collected to better understand the employment experiences and opportunities of recently discharged veterans in the job market.

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