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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0018]

**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of General Counsel, 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 General Counsel (OGC), 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 November 23, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov); or 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. 2900-0018" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, fax (202) 565-7870 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0018."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Accreditation as Service Organization Representative; Accreditation Cancellation Information, VA Form 21.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0018.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Service organizations are required to file an application with VA to establish eligibility for accreditation for representatives of that organization to represent benefit claimants before VA. VA Form 21 is completed by service organizations to establish accreditation for representatives, recertify the qualifications of accredited

representatives, and to cancel representatives' accreditation due to misconduct or lack of competence. VA uses the information collected to determine whether service organizations representatives continue to meet regulatory eligibility requirements and to ensure claimants have qualified representatives to assist in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of their claims for 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 June 27, 2007, at page 35305.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Not-for profit institutions, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,003 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,780.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (VA Form 1465-1)]

**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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify problems or complaints in VA's health care services.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 24, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [mary.stout@va.gov](mailto:mary.stout@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (VA Form 1465-1)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Stout (202) 461-5867 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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:* Nation-wide Customer Satisfaction Surveys, VA Forms 1465-1 through 1465-4.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (VA Form 1465-1).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* The purpose of the Survey of Health Experience of Patients (SHEP) Survey is to systematically obtain information from VA patients to identify problems or complaints that need attention and to improve the quality of health care services delivered to veterans. Data will be used to measure improvement toward the goal of matching or exceeding the non-VA external benchmark performance in providing quality health care services to veterans.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Annual Burden:*  
 a. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-1—2,500 hours.  
 b. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-2—16,875 hours.  
 c. Outpatient Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-3—9,802 hours.  
 d. Outpatient Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-4—67,573 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*  
 a. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-1—20 minutes.  
 b. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-2—15 minutes.

c. Outpatient Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-3—25 minutes.  
 d. Outpatient Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-4—20 minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
 a. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-1—7,500.  
 b. HCAHPS plus Inpatient Core-Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-2—67,500.  
 c. Outpatient Long Form, VA Form 10-1465-3—23,524.  
 d. Outpatient Short Form, VA Form 10-1465-4—202,720.

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**Denise McLamb,**  
*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings**  
 The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below:

Subcommittee for	Date(s)	Location
Infectious Disease-B .....	November 7, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-B .....	November 8, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Hematology .....	November 9, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Immunology-A .....	November 14, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Nephrology .....	November 16, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Mental Hlth & Behav Sci-A .....	November 19, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Epidemiology .....	November 20, 2007 .....	*VA Central Office.
Respiration .....	November 29, 2007 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.
Cellular & Molecular Medicine .....	November 29, 2007 .....	*VA Central Office.
Cardiovascular Studies .....	November 30, 2007 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.
Immunology-B .....	November 30, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Neurobiology-E .....	December 3, 2007 .....	Hyatt Arlington.
Surgery .....	December 3, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Infectious Diseases-A .....	December 4, 2007 .....	*VA Central Office.
Clinical Research Program .....	December 5, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Gastroenterology .....	December 6, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Oncology .....	December 6-7, 2007 .....	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.
Neurobiology-A .....	December 7, 2007 .....	*VA Central Office.
Neurobiology-D .....	December 10, 2007 .....	*VA Central Office.
Endocrinology .....	December 10-11, 2007 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.
Neurobiology-C .....	December 14, 2007 .....	St. Gregory Hotel.

\*Teleconference.  
 The addresses of the hotels and VA Central Office are: Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA; L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC; St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW., Washington, DC; VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Merit Review Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.  
 The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.  
 As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these subcommittee meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C.,

552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the subcommittee meetings and rosters of the members of the subcommittees should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 at (202) 254-0288.  
 Dated: October 18, 2007.  
 By Direction of the Secretary.  
**E. Philip Riggins,**  
*Committee Management Officer.*  
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