

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Bureau of the Public Debt****Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Disclaimer and Consent with Respect to United States Savings Bonds/Notes.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 12, 2008, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Brian Lallemond, 200 Third Street, Avery 4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-5312, or e-mail to Brian.Lallemond@bpd.treas.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Brian Lallemond, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, Avery 4-A, Parkersburg, WV 26106-5312, (304) 480-8108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Disclaimer and Consent With Respect to United States Savings Bonds/Notes.

OMB Number: 1535-0113.

Form Number: PD F 1849.

Abstract: The information is requested when the requested savings bonds/notes transaction would appear to affect the right, title or interest of some other person.

Current Actions: None.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 6 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

Brian Lallemond,

Records Management Program Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**Copayment for Medication**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice that there is no change in the medication copayment rate for calendar year 2008 and the rate will remain at \$8.00. The total amount of copayments in a calendar year for a veteran enrolled in one of the Priority Groups 2 through 6 shall not exceed the cap of \$960.00. These rates are based on the Prescription Drug component of the Medical Consumer Price Index as cited in title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, part 17, § 17.110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Guagliardo, Director, Business

Policy (163), Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254-0406. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA is required by law to charge certain veterans a copayment for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment) for treatment of a non-service connected condition. Public Law 106-117, the Veterans' Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act, gives the Secretary of Veterans Affairs authority to increase the medication copayment amount and to establish a calendar year cap on the amount of medication copayments charged to veterans enrolled in Priority Groups 2 through 6. When veterans reach the calendar year cap, they will continue to receive medications without additional copayments for that calendar year.

Formula for Calculating the Medication Copayment Amount

Each calendar year beginning after December 31, 2002, the Prescription Drug component of the Medical Consumer Price Index of the previous September 30 is divided by the Index as of September 30, 2001. The ratio is then multiplied by the original copayment amount of \$7.00. The copayment amount of the new calendar year is then rounded down to the whole dollar amount.

Computation of Calendar Year 2008 Medication Copayment Amount

a. Prescription Drug Medical Consumer Price Index as of September 30, 2007 = 370.9.

b. Prescription Drug Medical Consumer Price Index as of September 30, 2001 = 304.8.

c. Index = 370.9 divided by 304.8 = 1.2168.

d. (INDEX) × \$7 = \$8.52.

e. Copayment amount = \$8.00.

Dated: January 3, 2008.

James B. Peake,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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