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**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 29, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Defense Human Resource Activity), ATTN: Sam Yousef, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000 or call at (703) 696-0478.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number:* Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment, DD Form 1172-2, OMB Control Number 0704-0415.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection requirement is necessary to validate eligibility for all individuals applying for Department of Defense benefits and privileges. These benefits and privileges include but are not limited to, medical coverage, DoD Identification Cards, access to DoD installations, buildings or facilities, and access to DoD computer systems and networks. This information collection is required to obtain the necessary data

elements to determine eligible individual's benefits and privileges, to provide a proper identification card reflecting those benefits and privileges, and to maintain a centralized database of the eligible population.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 400,000.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,800,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

This information collected is used to determine an eligible individual's benefits and privileges, to provide a proper identification card reflecting those benefits and privileges, and to maintain a centralized database of the eligible population.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD-2010-HA-0131]

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to TRICARE Management Activity, Office of General Counsel, 61401 E. Centretch Parkway, Attn: Michael Bibbo, Aurora, CO 80011, or call TRICARE Management Activity, Office of General Counsel, at (303) 676-3705.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Statement of Personal Injury—Possible Third Party Liability, TRICARE Management Activity; DD Form 2527; OMB Control Number 0720-0003.

*Needs and Uses:* This information collection is completed by TRICARE (formerly CHAMPUS) beneficiaries suffering from personal injuries and receiving medical care at Government expense. The information is necessary in the assertion of the Government's right to recovery under the Federal Medical Care Recovery Act. The data is used in the evaluation and processing of these claims.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Federal Government.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 56,100.

*Number of Respondents:* 224,399.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Summary of Information Collection**

The Federal Medical Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651-2653 as implemented by Executive Order No. 11060 and 28 CFR part 43 provides for recovery of the

reasonable value of medical care provided by the United States to a person who is injured or suffers a disease under circumstances creating tort liability in a third person. DD Form 2527 is required for investigating and asserting claims in favor of the United States arising out of such incidents.

When a claim for TRICARE benefits is identified as involving possible third party liability and the information is not submitted with the claim, the TRICARE contractor requests that the injured party (or a designee) complete DD Form 2527. To protect the interests of the Government, the contractor suspends claims processing until the requested third party liability information is received. The contractor conducts a preliminary evaluation based upon the collection of information and refers the case to a designated appropriate legal officer of the Uniformed Services. The responsible Uniformed Services legal officer uses the information as a basis for asserting and settling the Government's claim. When appropriate, the information is forwarded to the Department of Justice as the basis for litigation.

Section 1 of the Form is used to collect general information, such as name, address and telephone numbers about the military sponsor and the injured beneficiary and the date, time and location where the injured occurred.

Section 2 of the Form is used to collect information about accidental injuries. Most of the investigations for third party liability involve motor vehicle accidents. Information about insurance coverage for the parties involved in the accident is collected. Section 2 of the Form is also used to collect information about accidents not involving motor vehicles. Information such as the type of accident, the place where the injury occurred, the name of the property owner where the injury occurred and cause of the injury is collected. The name and address of the employer is collected when the injury was work related.

Section 3 of the Form is used for miscellaneous information such as possible medical treatment at a Government hospital, the name and address of the beneficiary's attorney, and information regarding any possible releases or settlements with another party to the accident. It also contains the certification, date and signature of the beneficiary (or a designee).

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*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) Reimbursement; OMB Control Number 0720-0017.

*Needs and Uses:* The TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractors will use the information collected to reimburse hospitals for TRICARE/CHAMPUS share of capital and direct medical education costs. Respondents are institutional providers.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 4,993.

*Number of Respondents:* 4,993.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Summary of Information Collection

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1984, Public Law 98-94 amended Title 10, section 1079(j)(2)(A) of the U.S.C. and provided the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniform Services (CHAMPUS) with the statutory authority to reimburse institutional providers based on diagnosis-related groups (DRGs). The CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system, except for children's hospitals (whose capital and direct medical education costs are incorporated in the children's hospital differential), who want to be reimbursed for allowed capital and direct medical education costs must submit a request for payment to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS contractor. The request allows TRICARE to collect the information necessary to properly reimburse hospitals for its share of these costs. The information can be submitted in any form, most likely in the form of a letter. The contractor will calculate the TRICARE/CHAMPUS share of capital and direct medical education costs and make a lump-sum payment to the hospital. The TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system is modeled on the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS) and was implemented on October 1, 1987. Initially, under 42 CFR 412.46 of the Medicare regulations, physicians were required to sign attestation and acknowledgment statements. These requirements were implemented to ensure a means of holding hospitals and