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 IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 1099–SA, Distributions From an HSA, Archer MSA or Medical Advantage MSA.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 17, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Yvette Lawrence, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Allan Hopkins at (202) 622–6665, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Allan.M.Hopkins@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Distributions From an HSA, Archer MSA or Medical Advantage MSA. 
OMB Number: 1545–1517.
Form Number: 1099–SA.
Abstract: This form is used to report distributions from a medical savings account as required by Internal Revenue Code section 220(b).
Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Responses: 25,839.
Estimated Time per Response: 8 min.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,618.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:
An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.
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 the 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.

Approved: November 14, 2011.
Allan Hopkins,
Tax Analyst.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Internal Revenue Service
Publication of the Tier 2 Tax Rates

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Publication of the tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2012 as required by section 3241(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. section 3241). Tier 2 taxes on railroad employees, employers, and employee representatives are one source of funding for benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act.

DATES: The tier 2 tax rates for calendar year 2012 apply to compensation paid in calendar year 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Edmondson, CC:TEGE:EOEG:ET1, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, Telephone Number (202) 622–0047 (not a toll-free number). TIER 2 TAX RATES: The tier 2 tax rate for 2012 under section 3201(b) on employees is 3.9 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2012 under section 3221(b) on employers is 12.1 percent of compensation. The tier 2 tax rate for 2012 under section 3231(b) on employee representatives is 12.1 percent of compensation.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection (Spinal Cord Injury Patient Care Survey) 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, will submit 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 December 19, 2011.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–7485, FAX (202) 461–0966 or email denise.mclamb@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–New (VA Form 10–0515)”.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Spinal Cord Injury Patient Care Survey, VA Form 10–0515.
OMB Control Number: OMB Control No. New (VA Form 10–0515).
Type of Review: New Collection.
Abstract: Information collected on VA Form 10–0515 will be used to determine spinal cord patients’ satisfaction with VA rehabilitation and health care system.