groups and surveys as well as other relevant collection methods that meet the conditions appropriate for a generic clearance as outlined below. The OCO will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the Commission (if released, the Commission must indicate the qualitative nature of the information);
- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Type of Review: Generic Clearance Request.
Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and Organization, State, Local or Tribal governments.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
Estimated Number of Respondents: A preliminary estimate of aggregate burden for this generic clearance follows. Since the statutory mandate behind the OCO’s consumer outreach is new, the estimate of the number of respondents is a projection and could change significantly based on the collection method ultimately used in the research.
Estimated number of Respondents/Affected Entities: 240.
Estimated average number of responses: 10 per year.
Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 2,400 responses.
Frequency of collection: once per request.

Average minutes per response: 120.
Estimated total annual burden hours requested: 4800 hours.

Request for Comments
The Commission invites comments on:
- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Issued in Washington, DC, this 22nd day of January 2013, by the Commission.
Stacy D. Yochum,
Counsel to the Executive Director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Section 712 of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2013 establishes the cost-sharing rates under the TRICARE pharmacy benefits program as $5 for generic medications, $17 for formulary medications and $44 for non-formulary medications for not more than a 30-day supply obtained through retail pharmacies, and $0 for generic medications, $13 for formulary medications, and $43 for non-formulary medications for not more than a 90-day supply obtained through the TRICARE mail-order pharmacy. The Act limits the annual increase in cost-sharing rates under the TRICARE pharmacy program to the amount equal to the percentage increase by which retiree pay is increased beginning October 1, 2013. The effective date shall apply to prescriptions obtained under TRICARE on or after February 1, 2013.


Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
Cost-Sharing Rates for Pharmacy Benefits Program of the TRICARE Program

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of change to cost-sharing rates to the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits Program.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of cost-sharing rate change for the Pharmacy Benefits Program.

DATES: The cost-sharing rate changes will be effective February 1, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a new System of Records.