ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 extended collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to improve HEC enrollment processes.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420; or email: cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0758” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461–5870 or fax (202) 495–5397.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (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.

Titles: Health Eligibility Center (HEC) New Enrollee Survey, VA Form 10–0479.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0758.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The HEC information collection survey will allow Veterans an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on how well the HEC enrolls new Veterans. HEC will use this feedback to improve the enrollment processes. VA will use the information gathered to determine where and to what extent services are satisfactory, and where and to what extent they are in need of improvement. The information may lead to policy changes which improve Veteran satisfaction with VA Healthcare benefits.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 153 burden hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5.7 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,055.

Dated: August 22, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary.

Crystal Rennie, VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0060]

Agency Information Collection (Claim for One Sum Payment (Government Life Insurance)) Activities 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 September 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0060” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632–7492 or email crystal.rennie@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0060.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Titles:

a. Claim for One Sum Payment (Government Life Insurance), VA Form 29–4125.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0060.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Beneficiaries of deceased Veterans must complete VA Form 29–4125 to apply for proceeds of the Veteran’s Government Insurance policies. If the beneficiary desires monthly installment in lieu of one lump payment he or she must complete VA Forms 29–4125a and 29–4125k. VA uses the information to determine the claimant’s eligibility for payment of insurance proceeds and to process monthly installment payments.

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 March 26, 2013, at pages 18424–18425.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
a. VA Form 29–4125—82,000.
b. VA Form 29–4125a—1,850.
c. VA Form 4125k—500.

Dated: August 22, 2013.

By direction of the Secretary:
Crystal Rennie,
VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the Clinical Science Research and Development Service Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee will hold a meeting on September 18, 2013, at 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Clinical Science Research and Development Service on the relevance and feasibility of proposed projects and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The session will be open to the public for approximately 30 minutes at the start of the meeting for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the Committee’s review, discussion, and evaluation of research and development applications.

During the closed portion of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As provided by section 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, as amended, closing portions of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (c)(9)(B).

No oral comments will be accepted from the public for the open session. Those who plan to attend or wish further information should contact Dr. Grant Huang, Deputy Director, Cooperative Studies Program (10P9CS), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443–5700 or by email at grant.huang@va.gov. Written comments may be submitted to Dr. Huang at the same address and email above.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Vivian Drake,
Committee Management Officer.

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