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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Agreement to Train on the Job Disabled Veterans, VA Form 28-1904.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0678.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* VA Form 28-1904 is a written agreement between an On the Job Training (OJT) establishments and VA. The agreement is necessary to ensure that OJT is providing claimants with the appropriate training and supervision, and VA's obligation to provide claimants with the necessary tools, supplies, and equipment for such training.

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 October 2, 2014, at pages 59557-59558.

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

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 150 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

Dated: December 22, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*VA Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Reasonable Charges for Medical Care or Services; V3.16, 2015 Calendar Year Update and National Average Administrative Prescription Drug Charge Update

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) notice updates the data for calculating the "Reasonable Charges" collected or recovered by VA for medical care or services. This notice also updates the "National Average Administrative Costs" for purposes of

calculating VA's charges for prescription drugs that were not administered during treatment but provided or furnished by VA to a veteran.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Romona Greene, Chief Business Office 10NB, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 382-2521. This is not a toll free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Section 17.101 of 38 Code of Federal Regulations sets forth the "Reasonable Charges" for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran: "For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses for care) under a health plan contract; For a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran's employment and covered under a worker's compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or For a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a state that requires automobile accident reparations insurance." Section 17.101 provides the methodologies for establishing billed amounts for several types of charges; partial hospitalization facility charges; outpatient facility charges; physician and other professional charges, including professional charges for anesthesia services and dental services; pathology and laboratory charges; observation care facility charges; ambulance and other emergency transportation charges; and charges for durable medical equipment, drugs, injectables, and other medical services, items, and supplies identified by Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes.

Section 17.101 provides that the actual charge amounts at individual VA facilities based on these methodologies and the data sources used for calculating those actual charge amounts will either be published as a notice in the **Federal Register** or will be posted on the Internet site of the Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp>. Certain charges are hereby updated as stated in this notice and will be effective on January 1, 2015.

In cases where VA has not established charges for medical care or services provided or furnished at VA expense (by either VA or non-VA providers) under other provisions or regulations, the method for determining VA's

charges is set forth at 38 CFR 17.101(a)(8).

Based on the methodologies set forth in § 17.101, this notice provides an update to charges for 2015 HCPCS Level II and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. Charges are also being updated based on more recent versions of data sources for the following charge types: Partial hospitalization facility charges; outpatient facility charges; physician and other professional charges, including professional charges for anesthesia services and dental services; pathology and laboratory charges; observation care facility charges; ambulance and other emergency transportation charges; and charges for durable medical equipment, drugs, injectables, and other medical services, items, and supplies identified by HCPCS Level II codes. As of the date of this notice, the actual charge amounts at individual VA facilities based on the methodologies in § 17.101 will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" and identified as "V3.16 Data Tables (Outpatient and Professional)."

The list of data sources used for calculating the actual charge amounts listed above also will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Sources" and identified as "Reasonable Charges V3.16 Data Sources (Outpatient and Professional) (PDF)."

Acute inpatient facility charges and skilled nursing facility/sub-acute inpatient facility charges remain the same as set forth in the notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2014 (79 FR 58048). The effective date of those charges is October 1, 2014. The data tables containing those actual charges are posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" and identified as "V3.15 Data Tables (Inpatient)." The data sources used to calculate these charges are posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading "Reasonable Charges Data Sources" and identified as "Reasonable Charges Data Sources V3.15 (Inpatient) (PDF)."

We are also updating the list of VA medical facility locations. The list of VA medical facility locations, including the first three digits of their zip codes as well as provider based/non-provider based designations, will be posted on the Internet site of the Veterans Health Administration Chief Business Office, currently at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading "VA Medical Facility Locations," and

identified as “VA Medical Facility Locations V3.16 (Jan 15).”

As indicated in 38 CFR 17.101(m), when VA provides or furnishes prescription drugs not administered during treatment, “charges billed separately for such prescription drugs will consist of the amount that equals the total of the actual cost to VA for the drugs and the national average of VA administrative costs associated with dispensing the drugs for each prescription.” Section 17.101(m) includes the methodology for calculating the national average administrative cost for prescription drug charges not administered during treatment.

VA determines the amount of the national average administrative cost annually for the prior fiscal year (October through September) and then applies the charge at the start of the next calendar year. The national average administrative drug cost for calendar year 2015 is \$13.10. This change will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/payerinfo.asp> and identified as “CY 2015 Average Administrative Cost for Prescriptions.”

Consistent with § 17.101, the national average administrative cost, the updated data tables, and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted online, as indicated in this notice. This notice will be posted at <http://www.va.gov/CBO/apps/rates/index.asp> under the heading “Federal Registers, Rules, and Notices” and identified as, “V3.16 Federal Register Notice 01/01/15 (Outpatient and Professional), and National Administrative Cost (PDF).” The national average administrative cost, updated data tables, and the supplementary tables containing the changes described will be effective until changed by a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jose D. Riojas, Chief of Staff, approved this document on December 18, 2014, for publication.

Dated: December 22, 2014.

**William F. Russo,**

*Acting Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal Consultation.

**SUMMARY:** As required by section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Director of the Indian Health Service will jointly submit to Congress a report on the feasibility and advisability of entering into and expanding certain reimbursement agreements. VA is seeking Tribal Consultation on section 102(c).

**DATES:** Comments must be received by VA on or before January 14, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tracey Parker Warren, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations by phone at (202) 461–7400 (this is not a toll-free number), or by email at [TribalGovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:TribalGovernmentconsultation@va.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Tracey Parker Warren, VA

Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations by email at [TribalGovernmentconsultation@va.gov](mailto:TribalGovernmentconsultation@va.gov), by fax to (202) 273–5716, or by hand-delivery to Director, Office of Tribal Government Relations (075F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that the submission is in response to “Notice of Tribal Consultation: Section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014.”

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA’s Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) is seeking Tribal Consultation on section 102(c) of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, Public Law (P.L.) 113–146.

Public Law 113–146, section 102(c) (as revised by section 409(b)(2) of Public Law 113–175). OTGR specifically seeks Tribal Consultation in the form of written comments concerning the feasibility and advisability of Indian Health Service and Tribal Health Programs entering into agreements with VA for reimbursement of the costs of direct care services provided to eligible Veterans who are not American Indian or Alaska Native.

### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Jose D. Riojas, Chief of Staff, approved this document on December 23, 2014, for publication.

Dated: December 23, 2014.

**William F. Russo,**

*Acting Director, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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