

receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters are strongly encouraged to transmit their comments electronically via email or to submit them by mail early. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Molly Irwin and Janet Javar by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. *Background:* The fourth round of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training (TAACCCT) grants program continues to provide community colleges and other eligible institutions of higher education with funds to expand and improve their ability to deliver education and career training programs that can be completed in two years or less and are suited for workers who are eligible for training under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers program and other adults in need of new or upgraded skills. The evaluation of Round 4 funded by the Department of Labor will include an outcomes study, an implementation analysis, and a study of employer relationships.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on a

proposed new information collection activity for the TAACCCT Round 4 National Evaluation: (1) Collecting updated participant contact information, (2) conducting a follow-up survey of participants enrolled in programs in the Round 4 grantees selected for the outcomes study, (3) surveying staff in all colleges that are part of a Round 4 grant, and (4) interviewing staff from employers that have partnered with Round 4 grantees.

The purposes of the outcomes study are to capture participants' training experiences while in their programs, receipt of job search assistance as they near program completion, and employment and wage outcomes upon program exit and, for shorter programs, several months thereafter. The employer study will seek to understand how DOL can encourage the workforce system to build productive and sustainable employer relationships through Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act implementation and its grants programs.

II. *Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the national evaluation of Round 4 of the TAACCCT grants program. Comments are requested to:

* Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

* evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

* enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

* minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. *Current Actions:* At this time, the Department of Labor is requesting clearance for data collection for the national evaluation of Round 4 of the TAACCCT grants program via collection of updated participant contact information, survey data on participants and colleges, and employer discussions.

Type of review: New information collection request.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0NEW.

Affected Public: Participants enrolled in selected TAACCCT grant programs; staff associated with implementing TAACCCT grant programs, employers working with TAACCCT grantees.

ESTIMATED BURDEN HOURS

Form/activity	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average time per response (hours)	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
Participant Follow-up Survey	* 4,000	1,333	1	.33	1,320	440
Updates to Participant Contact information	5,000	1,667	4	0.083	1,660	553
College Survey	272	91	1	1.5	408	137
Employer Interviews	136	45	1	1.5	204	68
Totals	9,408	4,704	3,592	1,197

* Assumes a sample of 5,000 with an 80 percent response rate.

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of June 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request

AGENCY: Division of Federal Employees' Compensation, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden,

conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)] This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Authorization Request form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Compounded Drugs (CA-26) and Authorization Request form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Opioid Medications (CA-27). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before August 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Yoon Ferguson, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Room S-3323, Washington, DC 20210, telephone/fax (202) 354-9647, Email ferguson.yoon@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor (DOL) is requesting an approval of a new information collection. This information collection is essential to the mission of DOL and the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), to monitor and assure the appropriate use of opioids and compounded drugs in treating employment-related injuries under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*

The FECA statute grants OWCP discretion to provide an injured employee the "services, appliances, and supplies prescribed or recommended by a qualified physician" which OWCP considers "likely to cure, give relief, reduce the degree or the period of disability, or aid in lessening the amount of the monthly compensation." 5 U.S.C. 8103. In other words, OWCP is mandated to provide medical supplies and services—including prescription drugs such as opioids and compounded drugs—that it considers medically necessary. 20 CFR 10.310. The FECA statute and implementing regulations are not primarily focused on managing doctor/patient decisions relating to medication therapy and, with the exception of few limitations on fentanyl (an opioid) and other controlled substances, the FECA program policy on pharmacy benefits has generally been a policy of payment for prescribed medications in accordance with a fee schedule based on a percentage of the average wholesale price (AWP) for drugs identified by a National Drug Code

(NDC). See 20 CFR 10.809. The FECA program does not currently have any limitations on payment for opioids generally or for compounded drugs. The FECA program is establishing a prior authorization policy for opioid and compounded drugs (at this time after first fill) utilizing the pre-authorization authority already contained in its regulations at 20 CFR 10.310(a) and § 10.800(b). In requiring the use of these forms for opioid and compounded drugs, OWCP is implementing a prior-authorization process based on medical necessity.

The forms, Authorization Request Form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Compounded Drugs (CA-26) and Authorization Request Form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Opioid Medications (CA-27), require an injured worker's treating physician to answer a number of questions about the prescribed opioids and/or compounded drugs and certify that they are medically necessary to treat the work-related injury. The responses to the questions on the forms are intended to ensure that treating physicians have considered non-opioid and non-compounded drug alternatives, and are only prescribing the most cost effective and medically necessary drugs. The forms will also permit OWCP to more easily track the volume, type, and characteristics of opioids and compounded drugs authorized by the FECA program. The forms will serve as a means for injured workers to continue receiving opioids and compounded drugs only where medically necessary and simultaneously give OWCP greater oversight in monitoring their appropriate use and gather additional data about their use.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- minimize the burden of the 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 submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval of this new information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

Agency: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

Type of Review: New Collection (Request for New OMB control Number).

Title: Authorization and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity.

OMB Number: 1240-0NEW.

Agency Number: CA-26 and CA-27.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 80,000.

Total Annual Responses: 65,600.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 40,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 16, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health: Subcommittee on Medical Advice re: Weighing Medical Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting of the Subcommittee on Medical Advice re: Weighing Medical Evidence of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (Advisory Board) for the Energy Employees Occupational