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*Agency:* DOL-ETA.

*Type of Review:* Extension without changes.

*Title of Collection:* Nonmonetary Determination Activity Report.

*Form:* ETA 207.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0150.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* Quarterly.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 636.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 4 hours per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,544 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* \$0.

**Portia Wu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comments Request for the Benefits Timeliness and Quality (BTQ) Review System

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting

comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, "Benefits Timeliness and Quality Review System." This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all written comments received by November 7, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documents; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free by contacting Edward Medlin by telephone (202-693-3259) (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [medlin.edward@dol.gov](mailto:medlin.edward@dol.gov).

Submit written comments about, or requests a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Room S-4524, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email at [medlin.edward@dol.gov](mailto:medlin.edward@dol.gov); or by fax 202-693-3975.

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure 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 can be properly assessed.

The information for ETA 9057 has been revised to adjust the number of small and large states to reflect the most recent data. This category is dependent upon the number of decisions the states issued during the prior calendar year, and varies from year to year. The ETA 9054 Report has been revised to correct a typographical error in Section A. The 3rd time lapse category reads 45-60 (days), but should read 46-60 (days). In addition, the information for ETA 9056 has also been revised and updated to reflect the most recent data. Similar to ETA 9057, ETA 9056 is dependent on the number of nonmonetary determinations reported in the prior calendar year, and varies from year to year.

The Secretary of Labor, under the Social Security Act, Title III, Section 302 (42 U.S.C. 502), funds the necessary cost of proper and efficient administration of each state UI law. The BTQ program collects information and analyzes data. The BTQ data measure the timeliness and quality of states' administrative actions and administrative decisions related to UI benefit payments.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention Benefits Timeliness and Quality Review System, OMB control number 1205-0359.

Submitted comments will also be a matter of public record for this ICR and posted on the Internet, without redaction. The DOL encourages commenters not to include personally identifiable information, confidential business data, or other sensitive statements/information in any comments.

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other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Agency:* DOL-ETA.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Title of Collection:* Benefits

Timeliness and Quality Review System.

*Form(s):* ETA-9050, ETA-9051, ETA-9052, ETA-9054, ETA-9055, ETA-9056, ETA-9057.

*OMB Control Number:* 1205-0359.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 53 state agencies.

*Frequency:* Monthly and Quarterly.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 29,196.

*Estimated Average Time per Response:* 80.5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 38,132 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden:* \$0.

**Portia Wu,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Administration.*

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(this link will only become active on the day following publication of this notice) or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-OWCP, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov). Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; or by email: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ICR seeks PRA authority for the Authorization Request Forms/ Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity information collection consisting of Forms CA-26 (Authorization Request Form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Compounded Drugs) and CA-27 (Authorization Request Form and Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity for Opioid Medications). The Federal Employee's Compensation Act (FECA) provides that the OWCP furnish to a Federal employee who is injured while in the performance of duty the services, appliances, and supplies prescribed or recommended by a qualified physician that the 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. See 5 U.S.C. 8103. Forms CA-26 and CA-27 require an injured worker's treating physician to answer questions about the prescribed opioids and/or compounded drugs and certify they are medically necessary to treat the work-related injury. Responses to the questions are intended to ensure 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 the OWCP more easily to 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 the OWCP greater oversight in monitoring their appropriate use and gather additional data about their use. FECA section 36(a)(2) authorizes this information collection. See 5 U.S.C. 8124(a)(2).

This proposed information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. For additional information, see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 22, 2016 (81 FR 40721).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB ICR Reference Number 201606-1240-003. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

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*Agency:* DOL-OWCP.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Authorization Request Forms/ Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) sponsored information collection request (ICR) proposal titled, "Authorization Request Forms/ Certification/Letter of Medical Necessity," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before October 6, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201606-1240-003](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201606-1240-003)