

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. Parts 51 and 52.

**Title:** VSO Access to VHA Electronic Health Records, VA Form 10-0400.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0710.

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

**Abstract:** The information is being used to establish VA Veterans Health Information Systems Technology Architecture (VistA) computer accounts for Veteran Service Officers (VSO's) who have been granted Power Of Attorney by veterans who have medical information recorded in VA electronic health records. This information is collected under the authority of Title 38, CFR parts 51 and 52, Veterans Benefits.

The information will be used by VHA Office of Health Information Governance and/or contractors to create accounts in the VistA computer system for VSO's. The information collected is used for a national roll-out of a project targeted at providing more efficient benefits processing services to veterans. The VistA system requires a minimal set of data to create an account, which has been reflected on the form. After the initial roll-out, the burden to the government will be minimal, only involving VSO staff turnover.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 17 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 2 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Yearly.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 500.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0005]

### Agency Information Collection Activity under OMB Review: Application For Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation when Applicable)

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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 [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0005" in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, Floor 5, Area 368, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0005" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 1121, 1310, 5121.

**Title:** Application For Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation when Applicable)

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0005.

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

**Abstract:** 38 U.S.C. 1121 and 1310 provide for payment of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) or death compensation to parents of a Veteran whose death is service-connected. Parents must also meet income limitations to be eligible for benefits. 38 U.S.C. 5121 provides for payment of accrued benefits. VBA uses 21P-535 to collect the information necessary to determine a surviving parent's eligibility to Parents' DIC benefits.

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 at XX FR XXXXX on December XX, 2017.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 4,320.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 72 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,600.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Publication of Choice Act Section 201 Independent Assessments and Report—Change of Website Location

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This **Federal Register** Notice announces a change in website location of a 2015 report entitled, "Independent Assessment of the Health Care Delivery Systems and Management Processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs (Independent Assessment Report)." The Independent Assessment Report was required by Section 201 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act). Section 201 also required the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to publish the Report in the **Federal Register** and on a Department internet website accessible to the public. VA published the **Federal Register** Notice, which included the website address on September 18, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The Independent Assessment Report is now available on the following website: <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICY/PLANNING/section1.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Bowman, Program Analyst, Veterans Health Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 Telephone: (202) 461-7100. (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 201 of the Choice Act required the Secretary to contract with a private entity to conduct an independent assessment of VA health care. Within 60 days of completing the assessment, the private entity was required to submit a report of its findings and recommendations. The Secretary was then required to publish the report in

the **Federal Register** and on a publicly accessible website of the Department. VA published the **Federal Register** Notice on September 18, 2015 (80 FR 56550). VA also published the Independent Assessment Report on its website at [https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets\\_and\\_details.asp](https://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/factsheets_and_details.asp). Since then, VA has simplified the website content to give Veterans easier access to practical information about eligibility and participation in the Veterans' Choice Program. As part of this redesign, VA moved the Independent Assessment Report to <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPOLICY/PLANNING/section1.asp>. This **Federal Register** Notice informs the public of this change so that Veterans and other stakeholders will continue to have access to these important resources.

#### 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. Gina S. Farrissee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on January 23, 2018, for publication.

Approved: January 23, 2018.

#### Jeffrey Martin,

Impact Analyst, Office of Regulation Policy & Management, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0463]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Notice of Waiver of Compensation or Pension To Receive Military Pay and Allowances

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0463" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

**Title:** Notice of Waiver of VA Compensation or Pension to Receive Military Pay and Allowances (VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0463.

**Type of Review:** Re-instatement of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Forms 21-8951 and 21-8951-2 are used by reservists/guardsmen to file a waiver a VA disability benefits in order to receive active or inactive duty training pay.

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 at 82 FR 213 on November 06, 2017, page 51482.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 3,500 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 21,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

#### Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0024]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Insurance Deduction Authorization

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://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](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0024" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0024" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

**Title:** Insurance Deduction Authorization VA Form 29-888.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0024.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Collection.

**Abstract:** These forms are used by veterans to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make deductions from benefit payments to pay premiums, loans and/or liens on his/her insurance contract. The information requested is authorized by law, 38 CFR 8.8. This form was allowed to expire due to high level of work volume and staffing changes.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to