

Control No. 2900–0262” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Public Law 96–342.

**Title:** Designation of Certifying Official (VA Form 22–8794).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0262.

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

**Abstract:** VA Form 22–8794 provides VA with the names and signatures of those persons authorized to certify and submit to VA any new hours or changes in the enrollment of their VA students.

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 57030 on December 1, 2017, page 57030.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 448 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per**

**Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annual.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,688.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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

[FR Doc. 2018–02219 Filed 2–2–18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320–01–P**

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0179]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Change of Permanent Plan—Medical

**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 [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0179” 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. 2900–0179” in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

**Title:** Application for Change of Permanent Plan—Medical VA Form 29–1549.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0179.

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

**Abstract:** These forms are used by veterans to apply to change his/her plan of insurance from a higher reserve to a lower reserve. The information on the form is required by law, 38 CFR Sections 6.48 and 8.36. 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 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 230 on December 1, 2017, page 57029.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 14 Hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 28.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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

[FR Doc. 2018–02218 Filed 2–2–18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320–01–P**

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0710]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: VSO Access to VHA Electronic Health Records

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration, 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 proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 6, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov](mailto:Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0710” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian McCarthy at (202) 615–9241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

**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.*

[FR Doc. 2018-02221 Filed 2-2-18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-P**

## 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 [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_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.*

[FR Doc. 2018-02215 Filed 2-2-18; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 8320-01-P**

## 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/HEALTHPOLICYPLANNING/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