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Agency Information Collection Activity: HUDVA Addendum to Uniform Residential Loan Application

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration; Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits 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 November 29, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0144” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny Green at (202) 421–1354.

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, VBA, invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and
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Reasonable Charges for Inpatient Medical Severity-Diagnosis Related Groups (MS–DRG) and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Medical Services; v3.26, Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document updates the acute inpatient and the skilled nursing facility (SNF)/sub-acute inpatient facility charges. The updated charges are based on the Medicare severity-diagnosis related groups (MS–DRG) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Romona Greene, Office of Community Care, Revenue Operations, Payer Relations and Services, Rates and Charges (10ID1G1), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; email: Romona.Greene@va.gov; telephone: (202) 382–2521 (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Section 17.101(a)(1) of title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sets forth the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning “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 of 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 reparation insurance. The methodologies for establishing billed amounts for several types of charges are found in 38 CFR 17.101; however, this notice will only address the acute inpatient and the SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges.

Based on the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(b), this notice updates the acute inpatient facility charges that were based on the FY 2019 MS–DRGs. Acute inpatient facility charges by MS–DRGs are posted on the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Community Care’s website, at the following link: www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue_ops/payer_rates.asp, under the “Reasonable Charges Data Tables” section. Inpatient Data Table, as Table A (v3.24). This Table A corresponds to the Table A referenced in 83 Federal Register (FR) 47412, September 19, 2018. Table A (v3.26) referenced in this notice provides updated charges based on the FY 2020 MS–DRGs and will replace Table A (v3.24) posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website.

Also, this document updates the SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility all-inclusive per diem charge using the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(c). This charge is adjusted by a geographic area factor that is based on the location where the care is provided. For the geographic area factors, see Table N, Acute Inpatient, and Table O, SNF, on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website under the v3.25 link in the “Reasonable Charges Data Tables” section. Tables N and O are not being updated. The updated SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge is posted on the VHA Office of

Community Care’s website under the “Reasonable Charges Data Tables” section, Table B (v3.24). This Table B corresponds to the Table B referenced in 83 FR 47412, September 19, 2018. Table B referenced in this notice is v3.26, which provides an update to the all-inclusive nationwide SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge and will replace Table B (v3.24) posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website.

The charges in this notice for acute inpatient and SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility services are effective October 1, 2019.

This notice is retaining the table designations used for acute inpatient facility charges by MS–DRGs, which are posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website under “Reasonable Charges Data Tables.” This notice is also retaining the table designation used for SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, which are also posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website.

Accordingly, the tables identified as being updated by this notice correspond to the applicable tables referenced in 83 FR 47412, September 19, 2018.

The list of data sources presented in Supplementary Table 1 (v3.26) reflects the updated data sources used to establish the updated charges described in this notice and will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website under the “Reasonable Charges Data Sources” section.

The list of VA medical facility locations is also updated. In Supplementary Table 3, posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website under the VA Medical Facility Locations section, VA set forth the list of VA medical facility locations, which includes the first three digits of their zip codes and provider-based/non-provider-based designations.

Consistent with VA’s regulations, the updated data tables and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s website under the “Payer Rates and Charges” information section.

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. Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on September 26, 2019, for publication.