

as possible, and at least five business days prior to the event.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background: This is the third public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2020 report cycle. This hearing will assess the intentions behind China's efforts to revise international governance institutions, norms and values, and technical standards-setting bodies. It will examine China's vision for a revised global order, its actions in existing and newly-established international organizations to achieve its goals, and its attempts to promote new norms for the global digital economy. In so doing, the hearing will attempt to identify whether a distinguishable China model exists; if so, to what extent China is seeking to export it to other countries, and for what purpose; and the consequences of China's growing influence in global governance and standards-setting bodies for U.S. interests. The hearing will be co-chaired by Senator Carte Goodwin and Senator Jim Talent. Any interested party may file a written statement by March 13, 2020 by mailing to the contact above. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

*Authority:* Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005), as amended by Public Law 113-291 (December 19, 2014).

Dated: February 24, 2020.

**Daniel W. Peck,**

*Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0178]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Monthly Certification of On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training**

**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 revision 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 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or Danny S. Green, VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [Danny.Green2@va.gov](mailto:Danny.Green2@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0178" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Danny S. 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 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. 3680(c).

*Title:* Monthly Certification of On-The-Job and Apprenticeship Training, VA Form 22-6553d and VA Form 22-6553d-1.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0178.

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

*Abstract:* Schools and training establishments complete the form to report whether the trainee's number of

hours worked and/or to report the trainee's date of termination. VA Form 22-6553d-1 is an identical printed copy of VA Form 22-6553d. VA Form 22-6553d-1 is used when the computer-generated version of VA Form 22-6553d is not available. VA uses the data collected to process a trainee's educational benefit claim.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,693 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion (9 responses per respondent annually).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,795 (34,155 responses).

By direction of the Secretary.

**Danny S. Green,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications; Calendar Year 2020 Update**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Notice updates the information on Tier 1 medications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Duran, Office of Community Care (10D), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, Ptarmigan at Cherry Creek, Denver, CO 80209; [Joseph.Duran2@va.gov](mailto:Joseph.Duran2@va.gov); telephone: (303) 370-1637 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 17.110 of Title 38 CFR governs copayments for medications that VA provides to Veterans. Section 17.110 provides the methodologies for establishing the copayment amount for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided by VA on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment).

Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section. Not less than once per year, VA will identify a subset of multi-source medications as Tier 1 medications. Only medications that meet all of the criteria in 38 CFR 17.110(b)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) will be

eligible to be considered Tier 1 medications; and only those medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section will be assessed using the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii).

Based on the methodologies set forth in § 17.110, this Notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications for Calendar Year 2020. The Tier 1 medication list is posted on VA's Community Care website at: [https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue\\_ops/](https://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/revenue_ops/)

*copays.asp* under the heading "Tier 1 Copay Medication List."

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2020 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2020.

Condition	VA product name
Arthritis and Pain .....	Aspirin Buffered Tablet, Aspirin Chewable Tablet, Aspirin Enteric Coated Tablet, Allopurinol Tablet, Celecoxib Capsule, Diclofenac Tablet, Ibuprofen Tablet, Meloxicam Tablet, Naproxen Tablet.
Blood Thinners and Platelet Inhibitors.	Clopidogrel Bisulfate Tablet, Warfarin Sodium Tablet.
Bone Health .....	Alendronate Tablet.
Cholesterol .....	Atorvastatin Tablet, Gemfibrozil Tablet, Lovastatin Tablet, Pravastatin Tablet, Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablet, Simvastatin Tablet.
Dementia .....	Donepezil Tablet.
Diabetes .....	Glimepiride Tablet, Glipizide Tablet, Metformin Hydrochloride (HCL) Tablet, Metformin HCL 24-hour Sustained Action (SA) Tablet, Pioglitazone HCL Tablet.
Dizziness (Vertigo) .....	Meclizine HCL Tablet, Meclizine HCL Chewable Tablet.
Electrolyte Supplement .....	Potassium SA Tablet, Potassium SA Dispersible Tablet.
Gastrointestinal Health .....	Omeprazole Enteric Coated (EC) Capsule, Pantoprazole Sodium EC Capsule, Ranitidine Tablet.
Glaucoma and Eye Care .....	Diclofenac 0.1% Solution, Dorzolamide 2%/Timolol 0.5% Solution, Latanoprost 0.005% Solution, PEG-400 0.4%/Propylene Glycol 0.3% Solution.
Heart Health and Blood Pressure	Amlodipine Tablet, Amiodarone HCL Tablet, Aspirin (see Arthritis and Pain), Atenolol Tablet, Benazepril Tablet, Carvedilol Tablet, Chlorthalidone Tablet, Clonidine Tablet, Diltiazem 24-hour Capsule, Diltiazem HCL Tablet, Enalapril Maleate Tablet, Furosemide Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide Capsule/Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Losartan Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene Capsule/Tablet, Isosorbide Mononitrate SA Tablet, Lisinopril Tablet, Losartan Tablet, Metoprolol Succinate SA Tablet, Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet, Nifedipine SA Tablet, Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablet, Prazosin HCL Capsule, Propranolol HCL Tablet, Spironolactone Tablet, Verapamil HCL Tablet, Verapamil HCL SA Tablet.
Mental Health .....	Amitriptyline HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (12HR-SR) Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (24HR-XL) Tablet, Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablet, Duloxetine HCL EC Capsule, Escitalopram Oxalate Tablet, Fluoxetine Capsule/Tablet, Lithium Carbonate Capsule/Tablet, Mirtazapine Tablet, Paroxetine HCL Tablet, Sertraline HCL Tablet, Trazodone Tablet.
Respiratory Condition .....	Montelukast NA Tablet.
Seizures .....	Gabapentin Capsule/Tablet, Lamotrigine Tablet, Topiramate Tablet.
Thyroid Conditions .....	Levothyroxine Sodium Tablet.
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health.	Alfuzosin HCL SA Tablet, Doxazosin Mesylate Tablet, Finasteride Tablet, Sildenafil Tablet, Tamsulosin HCL Capsule, Terazosin HCL Capsule.

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