DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

[Docket No. WCPO–2020–0002]


AGENCY: Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, Labor.

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) is withdrawing a notice and request for comments entitled “Guidance on Black Lung Benefits Act Self-Insurance,” which was published in the Federal Register on January 8, 2021.

DATES: The withdrawal is effective February 9, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Chance, Director, Division of Coal Mine Workers’ Compensation, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room N–3464, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 1–800–347–2502. This is a toll-free number. TTY/TDD callers may dial toll-free 1–800–877–8339 for further information.


OWCP is now withdrawing the notice and request for comments on the preliminary self-insurance bulletin because the legal bases for publishing the notice—the Department of Labor’s PRO Good Guidance Rule (29 CFR part 89) and Executive Order 13891 (84 FR 55235 (Oct. 15, 2019))—have been rescinded or revoked. See 86 FR 7237 (Jan. 27, 2021) (rescinding 29 CFR part 89); E.O. 13992, 86 FR 7049 (Jan. 20, 2021) (revoking E.O. 13891).

OWCP’s action is also consistent with the January 20, 2021 memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” 86 FR 7424 (Jan. 28, 2021). The memorandum directs agencies to pause or delay certain regulatory actions, including actions related to guidance documents, for the purpose of reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy raised therein. OWCP intends to review the self-insurance bulletin and offer the public an opportunity to comment on self-insurance procedures at a later time. Accordingly, OWCP is withdrawing the notice and request for comments published on January 8, 2021. The withdrawal of the guidance does not change any law, regulation, or other legally binding requirement.


Christopher J. Godfrey,
Director, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Claim for Medical Reimbursement Form

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed extension for the authority to conduct the information collection request (ICR) titled, “Claim for Medical Reimbursement Form.” This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in
accompanies the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all written comments received by April 12, 2021.

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 by contacting Anjanette Suggs by telephone at (202) 354–9660 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

Submit written comments about, or requests for a copy of, this ICR by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; by email: suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Anjanette Suggs by telephone at (202) 354–9660 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at suggs.anjanette@dol.gov.

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.


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 1240–0007.

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.

The DOL is particularly interested in comments that:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

• Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–OWCP.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title of Collection: Claim for Medical Reimbursement Form.
Form: OWCP–915.
OMB Control Number: 1240–0007.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,260.
Frequency: Annually.
Total Estimated Annual Responses: 34,564.
Estimated Average Time per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,738 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Other Cost Burden: $59,450.

Anjanette Suggs,
Agency Clearance Officer.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Pro Bono Innovation Fund Request for Pre-Applications for 2021 Grant Funding

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) issues this Notice describing the conditions for submitting a Pre-Application for 2021 Pro Bono Innovation Fund grants.

DATES: Pre-Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, March 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Pre-Applications must be submitted electronically to http://lscgrants.lsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mytrang Nguyen, Program Counsel, Office of Program Performance, Legal Services Corporation, 3333 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20007; (202) 295–1564 or nguyenm@lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Since 2014, Congress has provided an annual appropriation to LSC “for a Pro Bono Innovation Fund.” See, e.g., Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, Public Law 115–31, 131 Stat. 135 (2017). LSC requested these funds for grants to “develop, test, and replicate innovative pro bono efforts that can enable LSC grantees to expand clients’ access to high quality legal assistance.” LSC Budget Request, Fiscal Year 2014 at 26 (2013). The grants must involve innovations that are either “new ideas” or “new applications of existing best practices.” Id. Each grant would “either serve as a model for other legal services providers to follow or effectively replicate a prior innovation. Id. The Senate Appropriations Committee explained that these funds “will support innovative projects that promote and enhance pro bono initiatives throughout the Nation,” and the House Appropriations Committee directed LSC “to increase the involvement of private attorneys in the delivery of legal services to [LSC-eligible] clients.” Senate Report 114–239 at 123 (2016), House Report 113–448 at 85 (2014).

Since its inception, the Pro Bono Innovation Fund has advanced LSC’s goal of increasing the quantity and