

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Molly Stasko by emailing [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov), calling (202) 622-8922, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

1. *Title:* Affordable Care Act Internal Claims and Appeals and External Review Disclosures.

*OMB Control Number:* 1545-2182.

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

*Description:* Section 2719 of the Public Health Service Act, incorporated into Code section 9815 by section 1563(f) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, requires group health plans and issuers of group health insurance coverage, in connection with internal appeals of claims denials, to provide claimants free of charge with any evidence relied upon in deciding the appeal that was not relied on in making the initial denial of the claim. This is a third-party disclosure requirement. Individuals appealing a denial of a claim should be able to respond to any new evidence the plan or issuer relies on in the appeal, and this disclosure requirement is essential so that the claimant knows of the new evidence.

*Regulation Project Number:* REG-125592-10 (TD 9494).

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,769,264.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 278,413.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,271 hours.

2. *Title:* PTIN Supplemental Application for U.S. Citizens Without A Social Security Number Due To Conscientious Religious Objection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1545-2188.

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

*Description:* Form 8945 is used by U.S. citizens who are members of certain recognized religious groups that want to prepare tax returns for compensation. Most individuals applying for a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) will have a social security number, which will be used to help establish their identity. However, there exists a population of U.S. residents that are religious objectors and do not have social security numbers. Form 8945 was created to assist that population in establishing their identity while applying for a PTIN.

*Form Number:* IRS Form 8945.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 7 hours, 11 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,590 hours.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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**Molly Stasko,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Open Meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance**

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance (FACI) will meet via videoconference on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 from 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting is open to the public. The FACI provides non-binding recommendation and advice to the Federal Insurance Office (FIO) in the U.S. Department of Treasury.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held via videoconference on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from 12:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** *Attendance:* The meeting will be held via videoconference and is

open to the public. The public can attend remotely via live webcast at [www.yorkcast.com/treasury/events/2021/06/02/FACI](http://www.yorkcast.com/treasury/events/2021/06/02/FACI). The webcast will also be available through the FACI's website at <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-markets-financial-institutions-and-fiscal-service/federal-insurance-office/federal-advisory-committee-on-insurance-faci>. Please refer to the FACI website for up-to-date information on this meeting. Requests for reasonable accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act should be directed to Mariam G. Harvey, Office of Civil Rights and Diversity, Department of the Treasury at (202) 622-0316, or [mariam.harvey@do.treas.gov](mailto:mariam.harvey@do.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lindsey Baldwin, Senior Insurance Regulatory Policy Analyst, Federal Insurance Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 1410 MT, Washington, DC 20220, at (202) 622-3220 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2), through implementing regulations at 41 CFR 102-3.150.

*Public Comment:* Members of the public wishing to comment on the business of the FACI are invited to submit written statements by either of the following methods:

*Electronic Statements*

- Send electronic comments to [faci@treasury.gov](mailto:faci@treasury.gov).

*Paper Statements*

- Send paper statements in triplicate to the Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 1410 MT, Washington, DC 20220. In general, the Department of the Treasury will make submitted comments available upon request without change, including any business or personal information provided such as names, addresses, email addresses, or telephone numbers. Requests for public comments can be submitted via email to [faci@treasury.gov](mailto:faci@treasury.gov). The Department of the Treasury will also make such statements available for public inspection and copying in the Department of the Treasury's Library, 720 Madison Place NW, Room 1020, Washington, DC 20220, on official business days between the hours of

10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect statements by telephoning (202) 622-2000. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

*Tentative Agenda/Topics for Discussion:* This will be the second FACI meeting of 2021. In this meeting, the Subcommittee Addressing the Protection Gap Through Public-Private Partnerships and Other Mechanisms will lead discussions related to wildfire risk and related topics, and the Preparedness Workstream of the Subcommittee on COVID-19 will lead an ongoing discussion on topics related to preparing for future pandemics. The FACI will also receive status updates from each of its subcommittees and an update from FIO on its activities and consider any new business.

Dated: April 28, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Cost of Living Adjustments**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) in certain benefit rates. These COLAs affect the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Program. The rate of the adjustment is tied to the increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2020, as announced by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA has announced an increase of 1.3%.

**DATES:** The increases in amounts became effective December 1, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terrence Minyard, Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 632-8862. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of Public Law 116-178 “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living

Adjustment Act of 2020,” VA is required to increase, effective December 1, 2020, the benefit rates of DIC programs by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. VA is required to publish notice of the increased rates in the **Federal Register**.

SSA has announced a 1.3% COLA increase in Social Security benefits effective December 1, 2020. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following increased rates and income limitations for the DIC program became effective December 1, 2020:

**Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Monthly Payment Rates**

*DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death On or After January 1, 1993*

Basic Monthly Rate: \$1,357.56

If at the time of the Veteran’s death, the Veteran was in receipt of or entitled to receive compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling (including a rating based on individual unemployability) for a continuous period of at least 8 years immediately preceding death AND the surviving spouse was married to the Veteran for those same 8 years, add: \$288.27.

For each dependent child under the age of 18, add: \$336.32.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to Aid and Attendance benefits, add \$336.32.

If the surviving spouse is entitled to Housebound benefits, add \$157.55.

If the surviving spouse has one or more children under the age of 18 on the award per 38 U.S.C. 1311(f), add the 2-year transitional benefit of \$289.00.

*DIC Payable to a Surviving Spouse—Veteran Death Prior to January 1, 1993*

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable
E-1(f) .....	\$1,357.56
E-2(f) .....	1,357.56
E-3(a,f) .....	1,357.56
E-4(f) .....	1,357.56
E-5(f) .....	1,357.56
E-6(f) .....	1,357.56
E-7(g) .....	1,404.49
E-8(g) .....	1,482.72
E-9(g) .....	1,546.40
E-9(b) .....	1,669.31
W-1(g) .....	1,433.56
W-2(g) .....	1,490.53
W-3(g) .....	1,534.11
W-4(g) .....	1,623.49
O-1(g) .....	1,433.56
O-2(g) .....	1,482.72
O-3(g) .....	1,584.38
O-4 .....	1,679.35
O-5 .....	1,848.08
O-6 .....	2,083.85

Veteran paygrade	Amount payable
O-7 .....	2,249.19
O-8 .....	2,470.44
O-9 .....	2,642.50
O-10 .....	2,898.37
O-10(c) .....	3,110.67

(a) Surviving spouse of Aviation Cadet or other service not covered by this table is paid the DIC rate for enlisted E-3.

(b) Veteran who served as Sgt. Major of the Army or Marine Corps, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, or as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(c) Veteran served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army or Air Force, Chief of Naval Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or as Commandant of the Coast Guard.

(d) If surviving spouse entitled to aid and attendance, add \$336.32; if entitled to housebound, add \$157.55.

(e) Add \$336.32 for each child under 18.

(f) Add \$288.27 if Veteran rated totally disabled for eight continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same eight years.

(g) Base rate is \$1,645.84 if Veteran rated totally disabled eight continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to Veteran those same eight years.

*DIC Payable to Children*

Surviving Spouse Entitled

For each child over the age of 18 who is attending an approved course of education, the rate is \$284.93.

For each child over the age of 18 who is helpless, the rate is \$573.20.

No Surviving Spouse Entitled

Number of children	Total payable	Each child’s share
1 .....	\$573.20	\$573.20
2 .....	824.59	412.30
3 .....	1,076.01	358.67

For each additional child, add \$204.48 to the total payable amount to be paid in equal shares to each child.

For each additional helpless child over 18, add \$336.32 to the amount payable to the helpless child.

**Signing Authority**

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on April 27, 2021, and authorized the undersigned to sign and