

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army**

[Docket ID: USA-2022-HQ-0016]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Department of the

Army, Army Safety Office, Chief of Staff, DACS-SF, 9351 Hall Rd., Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, ATTN: Mr. Timothy Mikulski at (703) 697-1321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Permit for Non-Army Agency Radiation Sources on Army Land; OMB Control Number 0702-0109.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to regulate the use, storage, or possession of radiation sources by non-Army agencies (including their civilian contractors) on an Army installation. The non-Army applicant will apply by letter, email or facsimile with supporting documentation to the garrison commander through the appropriate tenant commander or garrison director.

The Army radiation permit application will specify the effective date and duration for the Army radiation permit and describe the purposes for which the Army radiation permit is being sought. The application will include identification of the trained operating personnel who will be responsible for implementation of the activities authorized by the permit and a summary of their professional qualifications; the point-of-contact name and phone number for the application; the applicant's radiation safety Standing Operating Procedures; storage provisions when the radiation source is not in use; and procedures for notifying the installation of reportable incidents/accidents.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 470.

Number of Respondents: 235.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 235.

Average Burden per Response: 2 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: September 13, 2022.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DoD-2022-OS-0113]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

(OUSD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on collections using similar methods, we are seeking comment on the following Generic Information Collection Request: "Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection on Independent Review Commission Recommendation Evaluation" for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to OMB for approval and solicits comment on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Human Resources Activity, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Suite 08F05, Alexandria, VA 22350, LaTarsha Yeargins, 571-372-2089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Qualitative and Quantitative Data Collection on Independent Review Commission Recommendation Evaluation; OMB Control Number 0704-HIRC.

Needs and Uses: This information collection activity provides a means to

garner DoD-wide quantitative and qualitative data in support of the implementation and evaluation of the Secretary of Defense approved Independent Review Commission's (IRC) 82 recommendations. These information collections will be conducted by the OUSD (P&R), Office of General Counsel, Military Departments, Military Services, and/or National Guard Bureau (hereafter referred to as DoD). DoD will collect quantitative and qualitative data through data calls, surveys, interviews, site visits and other validated methods. Information collection efforts will align to the four IRC Lines of Effort (LOE): LOE 1—Accountability; LOE 2—Prevention; LOE 3: Climate and Culture; and, LOE 4: Victim Care and Support.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 45,000.

Number of Respondents: 45,000.

Responses per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 90,000.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

Dated: September 13, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE Expansion of the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Hearing Aid Ordering Model to Private Sector Care for Active Duty Service Members Receiving Care Through the Supplemental Health Care Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of demonstration project.

SUMMARY: The Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)) issues this notice of demonstration to authorize the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to expand the DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Hearing Aid Program (HAP) utilized throughout the Military Health System to a limited segment of the private sector care network of the TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractors (MCSCs). The intent is to replicate, to the fullest extent possible, the VA's Community Care Network model for delivery of prescribed hearing

aids and associated devices to Veterans, for Active Duty Service Members (ADSMs) receiving care through the Supplemental Health Care Program (SHCP) in designated states, as well as to qualifying Prime Active Duty Family Members (ADFM) diagnosed with profound hearing loss. This demonstration will be effective for the period of two years and conducted in three tiered phases: Phase One covers ADSMs in the state of California from January 1, 2023 until the completion of the demonstration; Phase Two covers ADSMs in the state of Texas from January 1, 2024 until the completion of the demonstration; and Phase Three covers qualifying Prime ADFMs in the states of California and Texas from July 1, 2024 through completion of the demonstration. These changes are intended to standardize the hearing aid ordering process and reduce the cost variability for hearing aids and associated devices prescribed for treatment under TRICARE by private sector care providers in network.

DATES: This demonstration has an effective and implementation date of the January 1, 2023. The demonstration authority will remain in effect until December 31, 2024, unless terminated or extended by the DoD via a subsequent **Federal Register** Notice. Phase One (ADSM in California) has a target effective date of care delivery of January 1, 2023. Phase Two (ADSM in Texas) has a target effective date of care delivery of January 1, 2024. Phase Three (qualifying Prime ADFM in California and Texas) has a target effective date of care of July 1, 2024. If the Acting ASD(HA), in collaboration with VA leadership, determines it would be appropriate to make expansion of the DoD-VA HAP permanent, the Acting ASD(HA) will follow-up with interim and final rulemaking, if required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Executive Summary

This notice is to advise all parties of a DHA demonstration project under the authority of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 1092, entitled "TRICARE Expansion of the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Hearing Aid Procurement Model to Private Sector Care for Active Duty Service Members Receiving Care through the Supplemental Health Care

Program and qualifying Prime Active Duty Family Members." The demonstration will monitor whether cost variability can be decreased and efficiency increased using the DoD-VA HAP in the TRICARE MCSCs private sector care networks. The DoD Hearing Center of Excellence (HCE), in collaboration with the TRICARE Health Plan (THP) and the VA's Denver Logistics Center (DLC) and Central Audiology Office, will conduct and evaluate a demonstration of the use of the VA National Hearing Aid and Wireless Systems contract for the purchase of hearing aids and associated devices prescribed for ADSMs and qualifying Prime ADFMs seen by private sector care network audiologists in designated states. The proposed demonstration will help DHA assess whether use of these contracts will impact access to care, improve efficiency to care completion, decrease billing errors to increase cost avoidance for TRICARE and its beneficiaries, and improve patient experience in quality of care.

The demonstration will develop and evaluate a system for TRICARE MCSCs private sector care network audiologists to request hearing aids for ADSMs and qualifying ADFMs through a centralized audiology team supported by the DoD HCE. The devices will be ordered through the VA Remote Order Entry System (ROES), purchased from the VA via a DHA Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request (MIPR), and delivered to the prescribing audiologist's practice for fitting and dispensing to the beneficiary. This demonstration will integrate the Military and civilian health care systems per Section 705(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. Conducted under the purview of the DHA, it will be administered through the MCSCs (Health Net Federal Services (HNFS) and Humana Government Business (HGB), Inc. at time of publication) in three phases, applicable to ADSM beneficiaries receiving care authorized under the SHCP and qualifying Prime ADFMs. The DoD HCE will measure several outcome metrics, including but not limited to:

- Access to care for ADSMs and Prime ADFMs impact, positive or negative, by delivering care through this model, which will be measured through appointment data and shifts in number of providers available in demonstration states (ADSMs in California, Phase One; ADSMs in California and Texas, Phase Two, and qualifying ADFMs in California and Texas, Phase Three) vs. similarly sized non-demonstration states