

Estimated Annual Burden: 4,939 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29,636.

Dated: January 10, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0117]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM), 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 previously approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine an applicant's suitability and qualifications for employment.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ginny B. Daniels, Office of Human Resources Management (054), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail comments to: ginny.daniels@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0117" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ginny B. Daniels at (202) 273-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, OHRM invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OHRM'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.

Title: Inquiry Concerning Applicant for Employment, VA Form Letter 5-127.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0117.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The form letter is used to obtain information from individuals who have knowledge of the applicants' past work record, performance, and character. The information is used by VA personnel officials to verify qualifications and determine suitability of the applicant for VA employment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households—Business or other for-profit—State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,125 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,500.

Dated: January 23, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0600]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to review denied claims for medical treatment.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0600" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), 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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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.

Title: Regulation for Reconsideration of Denied Claims (Title 38 CFR 17.133).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0600.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The purpose of this data collection is to provide a vehicle for veterans to request an informal review of their denied claims. Veterans whose applications for healthcare benefits have been denied will initiate these requests. The data submitted by denied applicants will be reviewed by hospital administrative personnel to ensure the correctness of the decision to deny.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 25,413 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 101,652.

Dated: January 10, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0554]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before March 19, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail to: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0554" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Homeless Provider Grant and Per Diem Program, VA Form 10-0361.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0554.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: VA requires the applicant for grants and/or per diem to submit information that assists in the determination of funds to be awarded. The requested information addresses the ability of the organization to effectively administer a program and requires the organization to demonstrate the quality of the project, how homeless veterans will be targeted, need for the program,

coordination with other agencies, and the project's cost effectiveness. If this information were not collected, VA would not be able to implement provisions of Public Law 102-592 in a responsible manner.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 31, 2000, at page 53093.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Annual Burden: 38,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 35 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,100.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0554" in any correspondence.

Dated: January 24, 2001.

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Director, Information Management Service.

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