

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0005]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation When Applicable)

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 30, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0005” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 266–4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0005” in any correspondence.

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. 1121 and 38 U.S.C. 5121.

Title: Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation when Applicable).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0005.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 21P–535 is primarily used to collect the information necessary to determine a surviving parent’s eligibility for Parents’ DIC benefits. The information is used to determine eligibility for VA benefits, and, if eligibility exists, the proper rate of payment.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 1 hour and 12 minutes (1.2 hours).

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Rescindment of a system of records.

SUMMARY: VA is rescinding an outdated system of records titled, “Compliance Records, Response, and Resolution of Reports of Persons Allegedly Involved in Compliance Violations–VA” (106VA17). This system of records covered reports of suspected

compliance violations and response to such allegations.

DATES: The system was discontinued on September 17, 2023. Comments on this rescinded system of records must be received no later than 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by the VA, the rescindment will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005X6F), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “Compliance Records, Response, and Resolution of Reports of Persons Allegedly Involved in Compliance Violations–VA” (106VA17). Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephania Griffin, VHA Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; telephone (704) 245–2492 (Note: this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Categories of individuals covered by the system of records were employees, Veterans, third parties such as contractors who conduct official business with the VHA, family members or representatives of Veterans, and subjects of complaints and complainants. Complainants are individuals who have reported a possible violation of law, rules, policies, regulations, or external program requirements, such as third-party payer billing guidelines. Records were maintained in a computerized database, paper files, and electronically in a manner that allowed a user to retrieve the records by an individual’s name or other identifier assigned to an individual. The VHA Office of Integrity and Compliance, in conjunction with the VA Office of Information and Technology, modified the computerized database to prohibit the retrieval of electronic records by an individual’s name or other unique identifier assigned to an individual.

This system of records notice is being rescinded for use as the computer database now only contains records which are not retrieved by a name or a unique identifier that can be connected