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**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 Technology Transfer Office, 59MDW/ST 1632 Nellis, Bldg. 5406, JBSA Lackland, TX 78236, Dr. Scott Walter, 210-292-7210.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Fielding Successful Medical Products Survey; OMB Control Number 0720-VOIP.

*Needs and Uses:* Companies use multiple strategies, funding streams, and tactics to field medical products that the military can use in the Military Health System (MHS) and military operations. Little is known about the critical factors affecting medical product research, development, and acquisition by the DoD. This gap in knowledge hinders the DoD's ability to effectively influence the commercial development of life-saving medical technologies and impedes the DHA's and Services' advanced development functions.

As part of 59th Medical Wing's Science & Technology, Technology Transfer and Transition (59 MDW/ST-T3) Office's continuous process improvement effort, this proposed information collection will gather feedback from companies that have successfully developed and marketed

commercially-available medical products to the DoD over the last five (5) years. The questionnaire elicits information about (a) funding streams, processes, ideas, partnerships, and pathways, (b) Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approval/clearance, (c) teaming arrangements, management strategies, and leadership approaches, and (d) barriers and enablers to marketing to the DoD.

By performing this market analysis, we aim to develop actionable, data-driven recommendations for improving acquisition of innovative medical solutions. An analysis of responses permits a clear understanding of how the DoD can influence, emulate, and facilitate successful production and provisioning of new/novel medical products (capabilities) to address existing requirements or enhance existing medical/health capabilities. Specifically, this effort will support the DHA's mission of driving innovative solutions to improve health and build readiness.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 25.

*Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 50.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Dated: October 16, 2023.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

**[Docket ID: DoD-2023-HA-0101]**

### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Health Agency 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.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Certificate of Death; DD Form 2064; OMB Control Number: 0720-COFD.

*Needs and Uses:* DD 2064, Certificate of Death, is used by family members of deceased DoD employees and contractors to settle estates, insurance claims, and other post death related matters. The form is also used by the DoD to track the cause and manner of death of service members, federal employees, as well as their family members and dependents when a death occurs outside the continental United States (OCONUS). DD 2064 generates a death certificate that is accessible to next-of-kin. The form is also used by OCONUS hospitals and allows for the transportation of human remains. In

addition to the DD 2064, a Death Certificate Information Sheet is completed to gather additional related information. This collection of information is authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1471, "Forensic Pathology Investigations"; 10 U.S.C. 1509, "Program to Resolve Missing Persons Cases"; and DoD Instruction 5154.30, "Armed Forces Medical Examiner System (AFMES) Operations."

AFMES is a government-developed system that provides medical examiners the ability to track and record autopsy and consultation information. Information is pushed from the Defense Casualty Information Processing System (DCIPS) in to AFMES. If needed, additional information required to complete the DD 2064 may be collected by medical legal death investigators. This information may be collected from the deceased's next-of-kin or workplace over the phone or via email. The additional collected information is recorded into AFMES. To generate a DD 2064, the aggregate collected information contained within AFMES is synthesized electronically to fill respective fields on the DD 2064. This form is signed by the examining pathologist. The completed and signed document is retained within AFMES. Depending on circumstances, the completed DD 2064 is sent to the deceased's next-of-kin, the designated funeral home, or the branch casualty office by Federal Express Certified Mail. If the deceased was a member of the military at the time of death, the DD 2064 may be downloaded by the service casualty offices who will print out copies to disseminate as required.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 170.

*Number of Respondents:* 170.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 170.

*Average Burden per Response:* 1 hour.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

Dated: October 16, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Medical Malpractice Claims by Members of the Uniformed Services; Notice of Increase in Cap on Non-Economic Damages

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense Office of General Counsel, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of increase in cap on noneconomic damages.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides information on the increase in the cap on non-economic damages for DoD medical malpractice claims filed by members of the Uniformed Services.

**DATES:** The increased cap is effective October 20, 2023.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa D. Walters, (703) 681-6027, [melissa.d.walters.civ@mail.mil](mailto:melissa.d.walters.civ@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A final rule published in the **Federal Register** on August 22, 2022 (87 FR 52446-52463), 32 CFR 45.10(c), requires the Department of Defense to publish periodic updates to the cap on non-economic damages, consistent with changes in the prevailing amounts in the States with non-economic damages caps.

The cap on non-economic damages is increased from \$600,000 to \$750,000. This change reflects changes in State law, including changes in those States that periodically increase their damages cap to reflect inflation, and to account for average jury verdicts in those states that have caps on non-economic damages that do not apply in cases of more serious injury.

Dated: October 12, 2023.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2023-HQ-0018]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** 60-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Navy Office of Force Resiliency 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.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Navy LivingWorks Program Surveys; OMB Control Number: 0703-LWRK.

*Needs and Uses:* Information collection is necessary to evaluate the LivingWorks suicide prevention training program, supporting the mission of the Department of the Navy (DON) Office of Force Resiliency (OFR) to provide oversight of Navy and Marine Corps programs. OFR is utilizing three surveys to conduct the training program