

Law 110–417, as amended (41 U.S.C. 2313). As required by section 3010 of Public Law 111–212, all information posted in the designated integrity and performance system on or after April 15, 2011, except past performance reviews required for Federal procurement contracts, will be publicly available. Additionally, if applicable funding recipients must be in compliance with the audit requirements in 2 CFR 200, subpart F.

iii. Program Evaluation

As a condition of grant award, SS4A grant recipients may be required to participate in an evaluation undertaken by DOT, or another agency or partner. The evaluation may take different forms such as an implementation assessment across grant recipients, an impact and/or outcomes analysis of all or selected sites within or across grant recipients, or a benefit/cost analysis or assessment of return on investment. The Department may require applicants to collect data elements to aid the evaluation and/or use information available through other reporting. As a part of the evaluation, as a condition of award, grant recipients must agree to: (1) make records available to the evaluation contractor; (2) provide access to program records, and any other relevant documents to calculate costs and benefits; (3) in the case of an impact analysis, facilitate the access to relevant information as requested; and (4) follow evaluation procedures as specified by the evaluation contractor or DOT staff.

Recipients and sub-recipients are also encouraged to incorporate program evaluation including associated data collection activities from the outset of their program design and implementation to meaningfully document and measure the effectiveness of their projects and strategies. Title I of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 (Evidence Act), Public Law 115–435 (2019) urges Federal awarding agencies and Federal assistance recipients and sub-recipients to use program evaluation as a critical tool to learn, to improve equitable delivery, and to elevate program service and delivery across the program lifecycle. Evaluation means “an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency” (codified at 5 U.S.C. 311). For grant recipients, evaluation expenses are allowable costs (either as direct or indirect), unless prohibited by statute or regulation, and such expenses may include the personnel and equipment needed for data

infrastructure and expertise in data analysis, performance, and evaluation (2 CFR 200).

D. Federal Awarding Agency Contacts

For further information concerning this notice, please contact the Office of the Secretary via email at SS4A@dot.gov. In addition, up to the application deadline, the Department will post answers to common questions and requests for clarifications on the Department’s website at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. To ensure applicants receive accurate information about eligibility or the program, the applicant is encouraged to contact the Department directly, rather than through intermediaries or third parties, with questions. Department staff may also conduct briefings on the SS4A grant selection and award process upon request.

E. Other Information

1. Publication of Application Information

Following the completion of the selection process and announcement of awards, the Department intends to publish a list of all applications received along with the names of the applicant organizations and a few relevant data fields from the application. This includes unsuccessful applicants. The Department may share application information within the Department or with other Federal agencies if the Department determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program’s objectives.

2. Department Feedback on Applications

The Department will not review applications in advance, but Department staff are available for technical questions and assistance. DOT expects to hold “virtual-office hours” to further describe how to submit a complete application; for more information visit <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. The deadline to submit technical questions is June 16, 2023. The Department strives to provide as much information as possible to assist applicants with the application process. Unsuccessful applicants may request a debrief up to 30 days after the selected funding recipients are publicly announced on <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Program staff will address questions to SS4A@dot.gov throughout the application period.

3. Grant Application Resources

The Department will provide resources to help interested applicants

understand the different DOT discretionary grant programs through webinars, frequently asked questions, and other materials provided such as the SS4A program website <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>. Additional grant applications resources for this and other Departmental grant programs can be found on the DOT Navigator at www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator. User-friendly information and resources regarding DOT’s discretionary grant programs relevant to rural applicants can be found on the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) website at www.transportation.gov/rural.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program—Availability of Application for Federal Financial Assistance

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of the availability of the application packages for the 2024 Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program.

DATES: Application instructions are available electronically from the IRS on May 1, 2023, by visiting: IRS.gov (key word search—“TCE”) or through Grants.gov by searching the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 21.006. The deadline for applying to the IRS for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is May 31, 2023. All applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

ADDRESSES: Internal Revenue Service, Grant Program Office, 5000 Ellin Road, NCFB C4–110, SE:W:CAR:SPEC:FO:GPO, Lanham, Maryland 20706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorraine Thompson, Senior Tax Analyst, Grant Program Office on (470) 639–2935 or via email address at tce.grant.office@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program is contained in Section

163 of the Revenue Act of 1978, Public Law 95-600.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

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

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, notice is hereby given that the VA is modifying the system of records entitled, “National Patient Databases-VA” (121VA10A7). VA provides health care services to many of America’s Veterans through the VHA. However, the care of America’s Veterans extends beyond VHA and into community providers. During the course of providing health care, VHA collects medical and health information about Veterans under their care. Similarly, outside of VHA, community providers also collect medical and health information about Veterans under their care. This SORN requires modification to ensure the appropriate sharing of Veterans’ medical or health information for disease management and population-based activities for improving health outcomes.

DATES: Comments on this modified 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 VA, the modified system of records 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, (005R1A), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to “National Patient Databases-VA”, (121VA10A7). 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: VA is modifying the system of records by revising the System Number; System Location; System Manager; Purpose of the System; Categories of Individuals Covered by this System; Categories of Records in the System; Records Source Categories; Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System; Policies and Practices for Storage of Records; Policies and Practices for Retention and Disposal of Records; Administrative, Technical and Physical Safeguards; and Appendix 4.

The System Number will be changed from 121VA10A7 to 121VA10 to reflect the current VHA organizational routing symbol.

The System Location will be updated to include: information from these records or copies of these records may be maintained at VA Enterprise Cloud Data Centers/Amazon Web Services, 1915 Terry Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

The System Manager is being updated to replace “Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Informatics and Information Governance (10P2)”, with, “Chief Officer for Health Informatics (105).”

The Purpose of the System is being modified to include: “to monitor the performance outside the VA as relevant; and to study, monitor and report epidemiological trends and disease incidence.” It is also being modified to include: “The Public Health National Program Office System data will be available to VA personnel, Federal agencies and State/Local Health Departments for the monitoring of infections, emerging pathogens, and environmental issues of interest that might reasonably affect the health of the public.” This section will remove: “National Center for Patient Safety Public Health System data will be available to VHA clinicians to use for the monitoring of health care-associated infections and for the transmittal of data to state/local health departments for bio surveillance purposes.”

Categories of Individuals Covered by this System is being updated, number (2) is being updated to reflect the following: “Providing health care to individuals for VHA.” Section (3) is also being added and will state: “Whose data is provided to VA clinical registries,

including but not limited to the VA Central Cancer Registry.”

The Categories of Records in the System is being updated to replace 24VA10P2 with 24VA10A7.

The Records Source Categories is being updated to replace “VA Austin Automation Center” with “Austin Information Technology Center”; 33VA113 with 33VA10; and “Healthcare Eligibility Records-VA” (89VA10NB) with “Income Verification Records-VA” (89VA10)”. “Veterans and Beneficiaries Identification and Records Location Subsystem-VA” (38VA23) is being removed from this section since this SORN was rescinded and is now encompassed in “Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records-VA” (58VA21/22/28). This section will also include the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and/or their designee, and a state cancer or tumor registry.

The language in Routine Use #28 is being updated. It previously reflected the following language, “VA may disclose relevant health care information to the CDC and/or their designee in response to its request or at the initiation of VA, in connection with disease-tracking, patient outcomes, bio-surveillance, or other health information required for program accountability.”

Routine Use #28 will now read as follows, “To the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or their designee, or other Federal and state public health authorities in response to its request or at the initiation of VA, in connection with disease-tracking, patient outcomes, bio-surveillance or other health information required for program accountability.”

Routine Use #31 is being added to state, “To the NCI and/or their designee, and/or a state cancer or tumor registry in response to its request or at the initiation of VA for the purpose of population-based activities to improve health and disease management. VA needs the ability to determine trends in the rates of the incidence of cancer in Veterans.”

Policies and Practices for Storage of Records is being updated to include “VA Enterprise Cloud.”

Policies and Practices for Retention and Disposal of Records is being updated to remove General Records Schedule 20, item 4. Item 4 provides for deletion of data files when the agency determines that the files are no longer needed for administrative, legal, audit or other operational purposes. This section will now reflect the following, Records in this system are retained and disposed of in accordance with the