

substances to which the mandatory minimum penalty applies?

3. The Commission invites general comment on whether and, if so how, the guidelines should be amended to account for fentanyl and fentanyl analogues. How, if at all, should the guideline provisions related to fentanyl and the fentanyl analogues specifically listed in § 2D1.1 be amended? For example, should the Commission revise the marijuana equivalencies already provided for fentanyl, Alpha-Methylfentanyl, and 3-Methylfentanyl? If so, what equivalency should the Commission provide for each substance, and why?

Should the Commission amend § 2D1.1 to account for other unlisted fentanyl analogues? For example, should the Commission establish marijuana equivalencies for fentanyl analogues currently not listed in § 2D1.1? If so, what specific fentanyl analogues should the Commission include in the Drug Equivalency Tables and what equivalency should the Commission provide for each such substance? What factors should the Commission consider when deciding whether to account for these substances?

4. The Commission has received anecdotal information about the availability of several fentanyl analogues. How are these novel fentanyl analogues developed, manufactured and trafficked? To what extent are these substances legally manufactured for pharmaceutical purposes and then diverted for illicit trafficking and use, as opposed to having been manufactured illegally? How complex is the procedure to develop these substances and how frequently are they introduced into the illicit drug market?

Instead of providing marijuana equivalencies for individual fentanyl analogues, should the Commission consider establishing a single marijuana equivalency applicable to all fentanyl analogues? Are fentanyl analogues sufficiently similar to one another in chemical structure, pharmacological effects, potential for addiction and abuse, patterns of trafficking and abuse, and associated harms, to support the adoption of a broad class-based approach for sentencing purposes? If so, what marijuana equivalency should the Commission provide for fentanyl analogues as a class and why? What factors should the Commission account for if it considers adopting a broad class-based approach for fentanyl and its analogues? Should the Commission define “fentanyl analogues” for purposes of this broad class-based

approach? If so, how? Are there any fentanyl analogues that should not be included as part of a broad class-based approach and for which the Commission should provide a marijuana equivalency separate from other fentanyl analogues? If so, what equivalency should the Commission provide for each such fentanyl analogue, and why?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a broad class-based approach for fentanyl analogues? If the Commission were to provide a different approach to account for fentanyl analogues in the guidelines, what should that different approach be?

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), (x); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 4.4.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0209]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Work Study Allowance; Student Work-Study Agreement (Advance Payment); Extended Student Work-Study Agreement; Student Work-Study Agreement

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0209” in any correspondence.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 3485 of title 38, United States Code, and section 21.4145 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations necessitate these collections of information.

Title: Application for Work Study Allowance; Student Work-Study Agreement (Advance Payment); Extended Student Work-Study Agreement; Student Work-Study Agreement (VA Forms 22–8691, 22–8692, 22–8692a, and 22–8692b).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0209.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA uses the VA Forms 22–8691, 22–8692, 22–8692a, and 22–8692b collecting information to determine the individual’s eligibility for the work-study allowance, the number of hours the individual will work, the amount payable, whether the individual desires an advance payment, and whether the individual wants to extend the work-study contract. 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 at 82 FR 35876 on August 1, 2017.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17,865 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent = 23 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 113,851.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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