

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0080]

**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 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 information needed to claim payment for reimbursement and to authorize and process payment of medical and hospital services provided by a non-Federal provider; and to authorize use of and process payment for ambulance and other hired vehicle.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (161A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0080" in any correspondence.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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) way 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: Claim for Payment of Cost of Unauthorized Medical Service, Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle, and Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

Form Numbers:

- a. VA Form 10-583, Claim for Payment of Cost of Unauthorized Medical Service.
- b. VA Form 10-2511, Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle.
- c. VA Form 10-7078, Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0080.

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

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-583 is used by administrative personnel in VA medical facilities of fee jurisdiction to collect information for determining legal and medical eligibility of applicants for payment or reimbursement of the costs of unauthorized medical services obtained by a veteran. The form is completed by the applicant as an official claim for such benefits and by VA officials to certify the authorized payment or reimbursement and to authorize such payment. If the collection of information was not carried out, VA's ability to provide reimbursement or payment for these costs would be negated.

b. Administrative personnel in VA medical facilities to authorize expenditures from the beneficiary trust account use VA Form 10-2511. It is also used to process payment for ambulance or other hired vehicular forms of transportation to eligible veterans to and from VA health care facilities for examination, treatment or care. If the collection of information was not conducted, payment to vendors for services rendered would not be possible.

c. VA Form 10-7078 is used by administrative personnel in VA medical facilities to authorize expenditures from the medical care account and process payment of medical and hospital services provided by other than Federal health providers to VA beneficiaries. Without the use of this form it would complicate management and record keeping of expenditures for medical

care provided at VA expense by the private sector.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit—Individuals or households—Not-for-profit institutions—State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 29,671 hours.

- a. VA Form 10-583—17,188 hours.
- b. VA Form 10-2511—4,083 hours.
- c. VA Form 10-7078—8,400 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 10-583—15 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10-2511—2 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10-7078—2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 443,250.

- a. VA Form 10-2421—68,750.
- b. VA Form 10-2520—122,500.
- c. VA Form 10-2914—252,000.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0166]

**Proposed Information Collection
Activity: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request****AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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 currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the application for cash surrender or policy loan on Government Life Insurance.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of

Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0166" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 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, 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.

Title and Form Numbers: Application for Ordinary Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8485; and Information About Modified Life Insurance, VA Form 29-8700.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0166.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The forms are used by the insureds to apply for cash replacement insurance to replace the amount of Modified Life Insurance that was reduced at age 65. The information is used by VA to initiate the granting of the coverage for which applied.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 642 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,700.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0442]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits 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 Benefits Administration (VBA), 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.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 13, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Ron Taylor, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0442."

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Request for Armed Forces Separation Records, VA Form Letter 21-80e.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0442.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: In order to establish entitlement to VA compensation or pension benefits, a veteran must have had active military service which resulted in separation under other than dishonorable conditions. VA Form Letter 21-80e is completed by the veteran to furnish information relative to his/her military service. The information is used to aid VA in requesting verification of military service. Benefits cannot be paid without verification of service.

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 June 12, 1997 at page 32147.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 17,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 102,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0442" in any correspondence.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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