

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:* Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable), VA Form 21-534.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0004.

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

*Abstract:* This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine the spouse's and children's eligibility, dependency and income, as applicable, for the death benefits sought.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 79,125 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour and 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 63,300.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0016]

### 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 for information used to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 22, 1999.

**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. 2900-0016" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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:* Claim for Disability Insurance Benefits, Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-357.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0016.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The form is used by the insurance activity to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 14,175 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 1 hour and 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,100.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra S. McIntyre,**

*Management and Program Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0119]

### 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 reinstatement, without change, 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 for information needed to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 22, 1999.

**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. 2900-0119" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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:* Report of Treatment in Hospital, VA FL 29-551.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0119.

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

*Abstract:* This form letter is used to collect information from hospitals to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4,055 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 12 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,277.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra McIntyre,**

*Management and Program Analyst,  
Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0120]

### 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 for information needed to determine insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 22, 1999.

**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. 2900-0120" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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:* Report of Treatment by Attending Physician, VA FL 29-551a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0120.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* This form letter is used to collect information from attending physician to determine the insured's eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,069 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,277.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Sandra McIntyre,**

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Information Management Service.*

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