

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 information needed to determine a veteran's continued entitlement to benefits based on the number of dependents.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0500" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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: Status of Dependents Questionnaire, VA Form 21-0538.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0500.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veterans receiving compensation for service-connected disability which includes an additional amount for their spouse and/or child(ren) complete VA Form 21-0538 to certify the status of these dependents for whom additional compensation is being paid.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 14,083 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once every eight years.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 84,500.

Dated: August 30, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2600-0260]

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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the need to obtain written consent to disclose medical treatment information to individuals or third parties.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: mary.stout@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0260" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Stout (202) 273-8664 or Fax (202) 273-9381.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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) 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.

Titles:

a. Request for and Authorization to Release Medical Records or Health Information, VA Form 10-5345.

b. Individual's Request for a Copy of their Own Health Information, VA Form 10-5345a.

OMB Control Number: 2600-0260.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-5345 is used to obtain a written consent from patients before information concerning his or her treatment for alcoholism or alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sickle cell anemia, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can be disclosed to private insurance companies, physicians and other third parties.

b. Patients complete VA Form 10-5345 to request a copy of their medical records from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit, Individuals or households, and Not for profit institutions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden:

- a. VA Form 10-5345—16,667 hours.
- b. VA Form 10-5345a—16,667 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent:

- a. VA Form 10-5345—2 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10-5345a—2 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

- a. VA Form 10-5345—29,667.
- b. VA Form 10-5345a—29,667.

Dated: August 30, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials will be held on October 31–November 1, 2007 in Room 819 at the Lafayette Building, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. On October 31, 2007, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 3:45 p.m. and on November 1, 2007, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the administration of national cemeteries, soldiers' lots and plots, the selection of new national cemetery sites,

the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits.

On October 31, 2007, the Committee will receive updates on National Cemetery Administration issues. On November 1, 2007, the Committee will tour Quantico National Cemetery, in Triangle, Virginia, and then reconvene at the Lafayette Building for a business session in the afternoon, which will include discussions of Committee recommendations, future meeting sites, and potential agenda topics.

Time will not be allocated for receiving oral presentations from the public. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Michael Nacincik, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5221. The Committee will accept written comments. Comments may be transmitted electronically to the Committee at Michael.n@va.gov or mailed to the National Cemetery Administration (41C2), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In the public's communications with the Committee, the writers must identify themselves and the organizations, associations, or persons they represent.

Dated: September 6, 2007.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-

463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Genomic Medicine Program Advisory Committee will meet on October 15, 2007 in Room 230 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on using genetic information to optimize medical care of veterans and to enhance development of tests and treatments for diseases particularly relevant to veterans.

The Committee will receive program updates and updates from the workgroups on Ethics and Colon Cancer testing, and will be asked to provide insight into optimal ways for VA to incorporate genomic information into its health care program while applying appropriate ethical oversight and protecting the privacy of veterans.

Members of the public may provide up to five minute statements during the period reserved for public comments. They may also submit, at the time of the meeting, a 1–2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Sumitra Muralidhar at sumitra.muralidhar@va.gov.

Dated: September 6, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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