

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: Application for Assistance in Acquiring Special Housing Adaptations, VA Form 26-4555d.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0300.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Grants are available to assist disabled veterans in making adaptations to their current residences or one which they intend to live in as long as the home is owned by the veteran or a member of the veteran's family. The veterans to apply for a grant use VA Form 26-4555d. The information is used by VA in approving or disapproving a veteran's grant application.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0188]

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 information needed to determine eligibility, prescribe, and authorize prosthetic devices; obtain repair estimates and allow for the direct purchase of prosthetic devices; and obtain follow-up information on loaned items.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 2, 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. 2900-0188" 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: Prescription, Authorization, Application, Procurement, Repair and Loan of Prosthetic Items.

Form Numbers:

a. VA Form 10-2421, Prosthetic Authorization for Items or Service.

b. VA Form 10-2520, Prosthetic Service Card Invoice.

c. VA Form 10-2914, Prescription and Authorization for Eyeglasses.

d. Form Letter 10-90, Request to Submit Estimate.

e. Form Letter 10-426, Loan Follow-up Letter.

f. VA Form 10-1394, Loan Follow-up Letter.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0188.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10-2421 is used for the direct procurement of new prosthetic appliances and/or services and standardizes the direct procurement authorization process. The form eliminates the need for separate purchase orders, expedites patient treatment and improves the delivery of prosthetic services. Without this form the delivery time for prosthetic appliances and services would be drastically increased.

b. VA Form 10-2520 is used by the commercial vendors, after completing repairs authorized for veterans, to request payment by VA. The use of the form standardizes repair/treatment invoices for prosthetic services rendered and standardizes the verification of these invoices. The veteran certifies that the repairs were necessary and satisfactory. This form is furnished to vendors upon request.

c. VA Form 10-2914 is used as a combination prescription, authorization and invoice. It allows veterans to purchase their eyeglasses directly. If the form is not used, the provisions of providing eyeglasses to eligible veterans may be delayed.

d. Form Letter 10-90 is issued to a contractor of the veteran's choice in order to solicit a price quote for a prosthetic device.

e. Form Letter 10-426 is used for the issuance of prosthetic devices that are loaned to eligible veterans. If the information is not collected or maintained, VA would have no information regarding equipment loaned to veterans; i.e., status, recovery, replacement and disposition.

f. VA Form 10-1394 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for automotive adaptive equipment.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit—Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 36,496 hours.

a. VA Form 10-2421—16,667 hours.

b. VA Form 10-2520—3,334 hours.

c. VA Form 10-2914—11,667 hours.

d. Form Letter 10-90—1,875 hours.

e. Form Letter 10-426—242 hours.

f. VA Form 10-1394—2,711 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent:

a. VA Form 10-2421—4 minutes.

- b. VA Form 10-2520—5 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10-2914—4 minutes.
- d. Form Letter 10-90—5 minutes.
- e. Form Letter 10-426—1 minute.
- f. VA Form 10-1394—15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
512,844.

- a. VA Form 10-2421—250,000.
- b. VA Form 10-2520—40,000.
- c. VA Form 10-2914—175,000.
- d. Form Letter 10-90—22,500.
- e. Form Letter 10-426—14,500.
- f. VA Form 10-1394—10,844.

Dated: December 2, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0386]

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 January 30, 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. 2900-0386."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and Form Number: Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan Worksheet, VA Form 26-8923.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0386.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously

approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Lenders are required to submit VA Form 26-8923 when requesting guaranty on an interest rate reduction refinancing loan. VA loan examiners must assure that the requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 and applicable VA regulations have been met before the issuance of guaranty. The form ensures that lenders correctly compute the funding fee and the maximum permissible loan amount for interest rate reduction refinancing loans.

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 March 13, 1997 at page 11949.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13,070 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 78,422.

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. 2900-0386" in any correspondence.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0523]

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 January 30, 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. 2900-0523."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles and Form Numbers: Loan Analysis, VA Form 26-6393.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0523.

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

Abstract: The form is completed by representatives of lending institutions to determine the veteran-borrower's ability to qualify for a VA guaranteed loan. The information is used by the VA as evidence of the lender's adherence to VA credit standards.

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 October 24, 1996 at page 55187.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 120,000 hours.

Estimated Total Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 240,000.

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. 2900-0523" in any correspondence.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

By direction of the Secretary.

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