

the bureau's hiring or retention of an employee, or issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit;

(3) A court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal in the course of presenting evidence, including disclosures to opposing counsel or witnesses in the course of civil discovery, litigation, or settlement negotiations, in response to a court-ordered subpoena, or in connection with criminal law proceedings;

(4) A congressional office in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains;

(5) The news media in accordance with guidelines contained in 28 CFR 50.2 which relate to an agency's functions relating to civil and criminal proceedings;

(6) Unions recognized as exclusive bargaining representatives under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 7111 and 7114;

(7) Third parties during the course of an investigation to the extent necessary to obtain information pertinent to the investigation.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper documents and electronic records.

RETRIEVABILITY:

These records are filed by the names of the individuals on whom they are maintained or by the subject of the action.

SAFEGUARDS:

Access to and use of these records are limited to those agency officials whose official duties require such access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Retained in accordance with the United States Mint Records Control Schedules; are destroyed in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration rules and regulations.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

(1) Assistant Director for Human Resources, United States Mint, Department of the Treasury, 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

(2) Human Resources Officer, United States Mint, 151 North Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

(3) Human Resources Officer, United States Mint, 320 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204.

(4) Human Resources Officer, United States Mint, 155 Hermann Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

(5) Human Resources Officer, United States Mint, West Point, NY 10996.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals who have filed a grievance, appeal, or complaint about a decision or determination made by an agency or about conditions existing in an agency already have been provided a copy of the record. The contest, amendment, or correction of a record is permitted during the prosecution of the action to whom the record pertains. However, after a case has been closed requests from individuals wishing to be notified if they are named in this system of records, or seeking access to any record contained in the system of records, or seeking to contest its content, should be addressed to the head of the organizational unit having immediate custody of the records (See "System Manager(s)" above).

Inquiries may be made in accordance with instructions appearing at 31 CFR part 1, subpart C, appendix H. Inquiries should be addressed to the following official: Disclosure Officer, United States Mint, 801 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

The individual must submit a written request with information sufficient to verify the identity of the requester such as full name, date of birth, a brief description of the grievance and the approximate date of submission.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

See "Notification Procedure" above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See "Notification Procedure" above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The sources of these records are as follows: (a) Individual to whom the record pertains; (b) Agency officials; (c) Affidavits or statements from employee(s); (d) Testimonies of witnesses; (e) Official documents and correspondence relating to the grievance.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0519]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 locality pay rates for nurses at VA facilities.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann W. Bickoff (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: ann.bickoff@hq.med.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0519" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann W. Bickoff at (202) 273-8310 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

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, 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.

Title: Locality Pay System for Nurses and Other Health Care Personnel, VA Form 10-0132.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0519.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-0132 is used to collect data from the Bureau of Labor

Statistics or other third party industry surveys to determine locality pay system for certain health care personnel. VA medical facility Directors use the data collected to determine the appropriate pay scale for registered nurses, nurse anesthetists, and other health care personnel.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 338 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 450.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: June 3, 2005.

Cindy Stewart,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Office of Research and Development; Government Owned Invention Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Office of Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Government owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 or Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) Collaboration under 15 U.S.C. 3710a to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally-funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on the invention may be obtained by writing to: Saleem J. Sheredos, Department of Veterans Affairs, Acting Director Technology Transfer Program, Office of Research and Development, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; fax: (410) 962-2141; e-mail at: saleem@vard.org. Any request for information should include the Number and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent

and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention available for licensing is: US Provisional Patent Application No. 60/555,625 "Cardioprotective Effect of Recombinant Human Erythropoietin."

Dated: June 7, 2005.

R. James Nicholson,

Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974, Addition of Routine Use to System of Records Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice; addition of routine use.

SUMMARY: As required by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4), notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending the system of records "VA Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA" (58VA21/22) by adding a new routine use to the system to disclose identifying information on VA beneficiaries who have been adjudicated incompetent to the Attorney General or his/her designee for entry into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

DATES: If no public comment is received during the 30-day review period allowed for public comment, or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the amended system of records is effective July 13, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed amended routine use statement to the Director, Regulations Management (00REG1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or fax to (202) 273-9026; or e-mail to VAregulations@mail.va.gov. All relevant material received before July 13, 2005, will be considered. All written comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 273-9515 for an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela C. Liverman, Consultant, Compensation and Pension Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, Pub. L. 103-159, mandated the establishment of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). The Brady Act authorizes the Attorney General to secure information from Federal agencies on seven categories of persons who are ineligible to receive firearms under the Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 922(g) and (n), for entry into the NICS. The only relevant category for purposes of this routine use is "persons adjudicated as mentally incompetent." The Brady Act requires Federal agencies to furnish the information on these individuals to NICS upon request of the Attorney General. VA proposes to add a new routine use to 58VA21/22 under which to disclose identifying information on VA beneficiaries who have been adjudicated incompetent under 38 CFR 3.353 to the Attorney General or his/her designee for entry into the NICS. VA has determined that the release of information for this purpose is appropriate and necessary because the Brady Act requires VA to furnish such information to the NICS after receiving a request from the Attorney General.

An altered system of records report and a copy of the revised system notice have been sent to the House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) and guidelines issued by OMB (65 FR 77677, December 12, 2000).

The proposed new routine use number 64 will be added to the system of records entitled "VA Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records—VA" (58VA21/22), as published at 41 FR 924 (March 3, 1976), and last amended at 66 FR 47725 (September 13, 2001), with other amendments as cited therein.

Approved: June 7, 2005.

R. James Nicholson,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Notice of Amendment to System of Records

The system identified as 58VA21/22 "Compensation, Pension, Education, and Rehabilitation Records," published at 41 FR 924 (March 3, 1976), and last amended at 66 FR 47725 (September 13, 2001), with other amendments as cited therein, is revised to add a new routine use number 64 as follows: