

government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The hearing will examine challenges to the U.S. economy from Chinese competition in manufacturing and state owned enterprises (SOEs). In addition, this hearing will assess problems with trade law enforcement and negotiations with China. The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Michael R. Wessel and Daniel M. Slane. Any interested party may file a written statement by February 21, 2014, by mailing to the contact below. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Location, Date and Time: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 608. Friday, February 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check our Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Reed Eckhold, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1496, or via email at reckhold@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: February 6, 2014.

Michael Danis,

Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0028]

Proposed Information Collection (Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List; Request for and Consent To Release of Information From Claimant's Records; Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information; and 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses); Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Information and Technology (IT), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information used 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice.

This notice solicits comments for information needed from service organizations requesting to be placed on VA's mailing lists for specific publications; to request additional information from the correspondent to identify a veteran; to request for and consent to release of information from claimant's records to a third party; and to determine an applicant's eligibility to receive a list of names and addresses of Veterans and their dependents.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Martin L. Hill, Office of Information and Technology (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email: martin.hill@va.gov. Please refer to "2900–0028" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martin L. Hill (202) 632–7452.

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, IT invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of IT's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of IT'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. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70–2.

d. 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0028.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA operates an outreach services program to ensure Veterans and beneficiaries have information about benefits and services to which they may be entitled. To support the program, VA distributes copies of publications to Veterans Service Organizations' representatives to be used in rendering services and representation of veterans, their spouses and dependents. Service organizations complete VA Form 3215 to request placement on a mailing list for specific VA publications.

b. Veterans or beneficiaries complete VA Form 3288 to provide VA with a written consent to release his or her records or information to third parties such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals.

c. VA Form Letter 70–2 is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a Veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the Veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as processing a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder.

d. Title 38 U.S.C. 5701(f)(1) authorized the disclosure of names or addresses, or both of present or former members of the Armed Forces and/or their beneficiaries to nonprofit organizations (including members of Congress) to notify Veterans of Title 38 benefits and to provide assistance to Veterans in obtaining these benefits. This release includes VA's Outreach Program for the purpose of advising Veterans of non-VA Federal State and local benefits and programs.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Not for profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Annual Burden:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—25 hours.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—18,875 hours.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—3,750 hours.

d. 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses—50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—10 minutes.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—7.5 minutes.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—5 minutes.

d. 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses—60 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215—150.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information From Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288—151,000.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70-2—45,000.

d. 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses—50.

Dated: February 6, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary:

Crystal Rennie,

VA Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice of Amendment of System of Records "National Patient Databases-VA" (121VA10P2).

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 entitled "National Patient Databases-VA" (121VA10P2) as set forth in 77 FR 27863. VA is amending the system of records by revising the Categories of Records in the System, Purposes, Routine Uses of Records Maintained in the System, Including Categories of Users and the Purposes of Such Uses, System Manager and Address, Notification Procedure, and Record Access Procedure, Records Source Categories and Appendix 4. VA is republishing the system notice in its entirety.

DATES: Comments on this new system of records must be received no later than March 13, 2014. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new system will become effective March 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed new system of records may be submitted through www.regulations.gov; by mail or hand-delivery to Director, Regulations Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420; or by fax to (202) 273-9026. All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Room 1063B, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Please call (202) 461-4902 for an appointment. (This is not a toll free number.) In addition, during the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephania H. Griffin, Privacy Officer, Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (704) 245-2492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: VHA is the largest health care provider in the country. VHA collects health care information from its local facilities to evaluate quality of services, clinical resource utilization, and patient safety, as well as to distribute medical information, such as alerts or recalls, track specific diseases, and monitor patients. National-level information is also needed for other

activities, such as medical research and the development of National Best Clinical Practice Guidelines and National Quality Standards. VHA gathers this information from a wide variety of sources, including directly from Veterans; from information systems located at VHA medical centers, Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN), other VHA facilities, such as the Health Eligibility Center; and Federal departments and agencies such as the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and the Food and Drug Administration. As the data is collected, VHA stores it in several national patient databases.

The Categories of Records in the System and the Records Source Categories are being amended to change 24VA19 to 24VA10P2.

The purpose of this system of records is being amended to state that Healthcare Associated Infections and Influenza Surveillance System (HAI/ISS) data is available to VHA clinicians for the monitoring of, among other things, influenza, emerging infectious diseases or syndromes associated with natural and or bioterrorist activities, pathogen resistance to antimicrobials, and healthcare-associated infections (HAI). Data is also available for transmittal to state/local/Federal public health authorities for reportable diseases, biosurveillance, and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act Meaningful Use requirements purposes.

Routine use 26 has been added to state that health care information may be disclosed to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or a person subject to the jurisdiction of the FDA, with respect to FDA-regulated products for purposes of reporting adverse events, product defects or problems, or biological product deviations; tracking products; enabling product recalls, repairs, or replacements; and/or conducting post marketing surveillance.

System Manager and Address, Notification Procedure, and Record Access Procedure are being amended to change from the Austin Automation Center to the Austin Information Technology Center.

Appendix 4 has been amended to remove the Corporate Data Warehouse; Regional Data Warehouses; and Veterans Informatics and Information Computing Infrastructure, which are now located in the Corporate Data Warehouse-VA (172VA10P2), Appendix A. The Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics is being removed from the Appendix. Master Patient Index is being changed to Master Veteran Index. Also, the Homeless Veterans Registry is