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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0642]

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 reimburse veterans insured by United Services Automobile Association (USAA) and Hartford Life Insurance for co-payments paid to VA for their medical care.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0642" 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) 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: VA Copayment Refund—USAA/Hartford Claim Form, VA Form 10-0406.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0642.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10-0406 will be used to reimburse veterans insured by USAA/Hartford Life Insurance for co-payments they paid to VA for medical care from January 1, 1995, through December 31, 2001. Such insured veterans will have a one year time period from the initial notification date on a first-come-first-served basis, to file claim with VA for refund of their co-payments. The information collected will be used to determine the validity of such claims.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 12,000 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

Martin L. Hill,

Acting Director, 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 April 30-May 1, 2003, at the Wyndham Milwaukee Center Hotel, 129 East Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on

both days. 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, and the selection of new national cemetery sites, the erection of appropriate memorials, and the adequacy of Federal burial benefits. The Committee will make recommendations the Secretary regarding these activities.

On April 30, the Committee will discuss issues relating to Wood National Cemetery, the Southern Wisconsin State Veterans Cemetery and the State Cemetery Grants Program. In the afternoon, the Committee will tour Wood National Cemetery and the Southern Wisconsin State Veterans Cemetery. On May 1, the Committee will receive updates on National Cemetery Administration's Operational Standards and Measures, construction of new national cemeteries, legislative initiatives, meeting veterans' burial needs, and other issues related to the administration and maintenance of national cemeteries. The Committee will conclude with discussions of any unfinished business, make recommendations for future programs, meeting sites, and agenda topics.

No time will be allocated for receiving for oral presentations from the public. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting is requested to contact Ms. Paige Lowther, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 273-5164. The Committee will accept written comments. Comments can be transmitted electronically to the Committee at paige.lowther@mail.va.gov or mailed to National Cemetery Administration (40), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. In their Communications with the Committee, the writer must identify themselves and state the organizations, associations, or person(s) they represent.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group; 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 Special Medical Advisory Group (SMAG) will

be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 830, Washington, DC 20420. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of SMAG is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary for Health on matters relating to the care and treatment of veterans and other matters pertinent to the operations of the Veterans Health Administration (*i.e.*, research, education and training of health manpower, and VA/DOD contingency planning).

The meeting will focus on discussions of various strategic clinical issues affecting VA's delivery of health care services. Those issues include ongoing emergency preparedness activities and plans to carry out VA's mission as a health care back up to the Defense Department during certain national emergencies.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties can provide written comments for review by the Committee in advance to the meeting to Ms. Terrie Brown, Designated Federal Officer, Department

of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (10B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Those wishing to attend should contact Ms. Sylvia Best, Office of the Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 273-5806.

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By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggan,

Committee Management Officer.

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