

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 eligibility of persons applying for healthcare benefits under Civilian Health and Medical Program—VA (CHAMPVA) and to adjudicate claims submitted under CHAMPVA.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before January 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Ann W. Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420; or e-mail: ann.bickoff@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0219” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

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. 3501–21), 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. Application for CHAMPVA Benefits, VA Form 10–10d.
- b. CHAMPVA Claim Form, VA Form 10–7959a.
- c. CHAMPVA Other Health Insurance (OHI) Certification, VA Form 10–7959c.
- d. CHAMPVA Potential Liability Claim, VA Form 10–7959d.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0219.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA Form 10–10d is used to determine eligibility of persons applying for healthcare benefits under the CHAMPVA program.

b. VA Form 10–7959a is used to accurately adjudicate and process beneficiaries, claims for payment/reimbursement of related healthcare expenses.

c. VA Form 10–7959c is used to systematically obtain other health insurance information and to correctly coordinate benefits among all liable parties.

d. VA Form 10–7959d is used to gather additional information relative to the injury or illness as well as third party claim information.

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

Estimated Annual Burden: 19,668 hours.

- a. VA Form 10–10d—4,917 hours.
- b. VA Form 10–7959a—4,717 hours.
- c. VA Form 10–7959c—9,567 hours.
- d. VA Form 10–7959d—467 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

- a. VA Form 10–10d—10 minutes.
- b. VA Form 10–7959a—10 minutes.
- c. VA Form 10–7959c—10 minutes.
- d. VA Form 10–7959d—7 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 119,200.

- a. VA Form 10–10d—29,500.
- b. VA Form 10–7959a—28,300.
- c. VA Form 10–7959c—57,400.
- d. VA Form 10–7959d—4,000.

Dated: November 7, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0636]

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. 3501–21), 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.

DATE: Comments must be submitted on or before December 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on this collect of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or VA’s OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0636” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Initiative Coordination Service (005G1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565–8374, FAX (202) 565–7870 or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0636.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification Required from Individuals Electing Accelerated Payments and Agreement with Educational Institutions.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0636.
Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Claimants electing to receive an accelerated payment for educational assistance allowance must certify they received such payment and how the payment was used. The data collected is used to determine the claimant’s entitlement to accelerated payment.

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 June 8, 2006 at pages 33340–33341.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.
Estimated Annual Burden: 97 hours.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 743.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,167.

Dated: November 6, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Initiative Coordination Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Joint Biomedical Laboratory

Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will conduct a telephone conference call meeting from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on December 4, 2006, at VA Central Office, 1722 I Street, NW., Room 915, Washington, DC.

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration.

This meeting will focus on the clinical research program and will be open to the public for approximately one hour at the start of the meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal projects.

The closed portion of the meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research protocols. During this portion of the meeting, discussion and recommendations will deal with

qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects.

As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing a portion of this meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Those who plan to attend or would like to obtain a copy of the minutes of this meeting and roster of the members should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (121F), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20420 at (202) 254-0288.

Dated: November 13, 2006.

By Director of the Secretary.

E. Philip Riggins,

Committee Management Officer.

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