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Dated: October 16, 2017.

**LaTonya L. Small,**  
Federal Advisory Committee Management  
Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0556]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health  
Administration, Department of Veterans  
Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0556" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0556" in any correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 7331.

**Title:** Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care; VA Form 10-0137

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0556.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 10-0137, VA Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will, is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognized legal document that permits VA patients to designate a health care agent and/or specify preferences for future health care. The VA Advance Directive is invoked if a patient becomes unable to make health care decisions for him or herself. Use of the VA Advance Directive is specified in VHA Handbook 1004.02, Advance Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives. Veterans' rights to designate a health care agent and specify health care preferences in advance are codified in 38 CFR 17.32. This regulation also obligates VA to recognize advance directives and to use the information contained therein when health care decisions must be made for a patient that has lost decision making capacity. Use of advance directives is a well-established standard within clinical practice in the U.S. Offering the opportunity to complete an advance directive and the requirement to honor such documents is supported by Joint Commission standards and the Patient Self Determination Act of 1990 (applicable to Medicare providers.) Use of advance directives is also consistent with the health care ethics standard that patients have autonomy in health care decision making and have a right to control what is done to them in a medical setting.

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 at 82 FR 151 on August 8, 2017, page 37167.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 171,811 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 343,622.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**  
Department Clearance Officer, Office of  
Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of  
Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: VA Disaster Resilience Survey of Community Dwelling Veterans

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health  
Administration, Department of Veterans  
Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 18, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov](mailto:Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.

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.

**Authority:** Pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

**Title:** VA Disaster Resilience Survey of Community Dwelling Veterans; VA Form 10–21086(NR).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–NEW.

**Type of Review:** New information collection request.

**Abstract:** The proposed study is being conducted by the Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC) of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The mission of VEMEC is to promote the health and social welfare of America's Veterans and the Nation by initiating and coordinating projects aimed at developing evidence-based practices for use in mitigating against, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from national emergencies and natural disasters. In so doing, VEMEC helps to ensure timely access to high-quality health care for our nation's veterans.

The proposed study will be a one-time study of all VA patients in the United States. We will survey a sample of Veterans who at the time of fielding received care from any VA healthcare system in the U.S. at least once in the past 24 months. Health status, socioeconomic status, and other factors can impact a Veteran's resiliency/vulnerability during major disaster.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 905 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per**

**Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,620.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0390]

### Agency Information Collection

#### Activity: Application of Surviving Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

### SUMMARY: Veteran's Benefits

Administration (VBA), 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 18, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Dawn Johnson, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [Dawn.Johnson7@va.gov](mailto:Dawn.Johnson7@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900–0390" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461–5870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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, 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.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 402, E.O. 12436, Public Law 97–377 Section 156.

**Title:** Application of Surviving Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits (VA Form 21P–8924).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–0390.

**Type of Review:** Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits are payable to certain surviving spouses and children of veterans who died in service prior to August 13, 1981 or who died as a result of a service-connected disability incurred or aggravated prior to August 13, 1981. Child beneficiaries over age 18 and under age 23 must be enrolled full-time in an approved post-secondary school.

Executive Order 12436 "Payment of Certain Benefits to Survivors of Persons Who Died In or As A Result of Military Service" (found at 42 U.S.C. 402 (Note)) directs VA administer the provisions of Public Law 97–377 Section 156. VA codified this authority at 38 CFR 3.812.

VBA uses VA Form 21P–8924 to evaluate the eligibility of surviving spouses and children to REPS benefits, including information regarding the claimant's relationship to the Veteran, employment status, and earnings. Based on the information contained in the form, VBA makes decisions to grant, deny, or amend existing, benefits payments.

The VA Form number is being changed to "21P–8924" to reflect Pension and Fiduciary Service's responsibility for the form.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 600 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 20 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,800.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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