

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0067]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans 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 for which approval has expired and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine if a veteran has established entitlement to an automobile allowance or adaptive equipment.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0067" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**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, 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.

*Title:* Application for Automobile or other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment, VA Form 21-4502.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0067.

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

*Abstract:* Title 38, U.S.C. 3901-3904 authorized assistance in providing an automobile and adaptive equipment for disabled veterans under certain conditions. VA Form 21-4502 is used to gather the necessary information to determine if the veteran has established entitlement to an automobile allowance or adaptive equipment benefits.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 375.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0335]

### 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 reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to authorize a veteran to seek a private dentist for dental examination and treatment plan and to authorize payment for such dental services.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before February 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (191A1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0335" 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 and Form Number:* Dental Record Authorization and Invoice for Outpatient Services, VA Form 10-2570d.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0335.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* VA Form 10-2570d is used to serve the following multi-purposes: (1) VA authorization to the veteran to seek a private dentist for examination; (2) Fee dentist's record of examination

findings; (3) Dentist's treatment plan and listing of services needed; (4) Listing of dentist's usual and customary fees for specific services involved in treatment plan; (5) VA review, verification and authorization of treatment to the fee dentist; (6) Dentist's certification of services completed; (7) VA's permanent record of treatment provided for veterans and statement of exhaustion of benefits, if indicated; VA's approval of dental services and total fees for payment; and (8) Fiscal approval and certification of payment and amount. Without this information, veterans' dental treatment needs could not be identified, fees for services could not be established, the veterans could not receive treatment, and the fee dentist could not be reimbursed.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 14,333 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 43,000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before January 24, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management

Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW."

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification Information, VA Form 10-0379.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* This information is used by VHA's Chaplain Service to determine whether organizations seeking recognition as ecclesiastical endorsing organizations meet VA requirements for such recognition. To assure that individuals employed by VA as chaplains are qualified to provide for constitutional rights of veterans to free exercise of religion, VA requires that each applicant for Chaplaincy submit an official statement ("ecclesiastical endorsement") from their religion or faith group, certifying that the applicant is in good standing with the faith group and is qualified to perform the full range of ministry required in the VA setting. VA must obtain information from the faith groups which supply these endorsements in order to determine: (1) Who the faith group designates as its endorsing official(s); (2) whether the faith group provides ministry to a lay constituency; and (3) what is the constituency to which persons endorsed by this group may minister.

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 September 23, 1999, at page 51584.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0004]

### 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 *et seq.*), 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 January 24, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management

Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8135 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0004."

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable), VA Form 21-534.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0004.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The form is used to gather the necessary information to determine the spouse's and children's eligibility, dependency and income, as applicable, for the death benefits sought.

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