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**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to 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. 2900-0118" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Transfer of Scholastic Credit (Schools), VA Form Letter 22-315.

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

*Abstract:* When a student receiving VA education benefits is enrolled at two training institutions, the institution at which the student pursues his or her approved program of education must verify that courses pursued at a second or supplemental institution will be accepted at full credit toward the student's course objective. Educational payment for courses pursued at the second institution is not payable until evidence is received verifying that the student is pursuing his or her approved program while enrolled in these courses. VA Form Letter 22-315 serves as this certification of acceptance. The form letter is sent to the student requesting that they have the certifying official of his or her primary institution to list the course or courses pursued at the second institution for which the primary institution will give full credit. Without this information, benefits cannot be authorized for any courses pursued at other than the primary institution.

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 December 15, 2003, at pages 69773-69774.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, and State, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 3,550 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 21,300.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0578]**

**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. 3501-21), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:*

a. Health Care for Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans—Spina Bifida and Covered Birth Defects—Regulation.

b. Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses, VA Form 10-7959e.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0578.

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

*Abstract:* VA's medical regulations 38 CFR part 17 (17.900 through 17.905) established regulations regarding provision of health care for women Vietnam veterans' children born with spina bifida and certain other covered birth defects. The information collected will be used to determine whether to approve requests for preauthorization of certain health care services and benefits for children of Vietnam veterans; the appropriateness of billings for such services; and to make decisions during the review and appeal process.

Beneficiaries complete VA Form 10-7959e to claim payment/reimbursement of expenses related to spina bifida and certain covered birth defects. Health care providers complete standard billing forms such as: Uniform Billing-Forms (UB) 92, and HCFA 1500, Medicare Health Insurance Claims Form. Without the requested information VA will be unable to determine the correct amount to reimburse providers for their services or beneficiaries for covered expenses.

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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 3,400 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 6½ minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 31,400.

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By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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