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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 13441-A

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 13441-A, Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) Monthly Registration and Update.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before September 19, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include 1545-1842 or Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) Monthly Registration and Update in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, at (202)317-6009, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at Lanita.VanDyke@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) Monthly Registration and Update.

OMB Number: 1545-1842.

Form Number: 13441-A

Abstract: The health coverage tax credit monthly registration and update Form will be directly mailed to all

individuals who are potentially eligible for the HCTC. Potentially eligible individuals will use this form to determine if they are eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit and to register for the HCTC program. Participation in this program is voluntary. This form will be submitted by the individual to the HCTC program office in a postage-paid, return envelope. We will accept faxed forms, if necessary. Additionally, recipients may call the HCTC call center for help in completing this form.

Current Actions: The HCTC expired in 2021 and is unavailable to be claimed in 2022. IRS is keeping the OMB approval active on the collection, in case, Congress reauthorizes the credit for future tax years.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,146.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,573.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: July 15, 2022.

Andres Garcia Leon,

Supervisory Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0521]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Certification of Loan Disbursement, Verification of Deposit and Verification of Employment

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits 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. VA Forms 26-1820, 26-8497 and 26-8497a are used by lenders to obtain specific information concerning a veteran's credit history in order to properly underwrite the veteran's loan. The data collected on the forms is used to ensure that applications for VA-guaranteed loans are underwritten in a reasonable and prudent manner.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0521" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribel Aponte, VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs. Please

refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0521” in any correspondence.

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: Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Certification of Loan Disbursement, Verification of Deposit and Verification of Employment (VA Form 26–1820, VA Form 26–8497, VA Form 26–8497a).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0521.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26–1820 is used for loans closed on the prior approval and automatic basis. It is used by lenders closing VA loans under 38 U.S.C. 3710 and thereby complies with the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 3702(c) which requires lenders to report to the Secretary on loans guaranteed or insured.

In this information collection request, VA has revised the VA Form 26–1820 to include additional fields and certifications. The fields added are already collected routinely by the lender and do not add an undue burden to the lender. In addition, certifications that are to be provided to the Veteran were added that were included in OMB Control #2900–0144.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 267,167 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 804,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, (Alt) Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Unprocessed Election into the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces it will no longer process elections (opt-ins) into the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP). To ensure an orderly conclusion of this pilot program with respect to RAMP elections that have not yet been processed, VA is providing a 90-day transition period for claimants to notify VA of any such unprocessed RAMP elections before VA terminates processing. Claimants who previously submitted a timely RAMP election that has not yet been processed may request that VA process it. VA must receive an eligible claimant’s request to process a pending RAMP election on or before October 18, 2022. Requests that VA process a previously submitted timely RAMP election must be sent by email to RAMP@VA.gov. No response to this notice is required. VA will continue to process pending claims and appeals for all claimants, regardless of whether a claimant responds to this notice.

DATES: Discontinuation of the processing of elections for the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program is effective October 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Claimants, or their authorized representative, who wish to have their previously submitted RAMP election honored may submit a request. Requests must be sent via email to RAMP@VA.gov. Only claimants who are sent a VA notice accepting a RAMP election will be eligible to participate in RAMP.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carling K. Bennett, Senior Management and Program Analyst, Program Administration, Office of Administrative Review, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC, (202) 632–5347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On August 23, 2017, the President signed into law the *Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017*, Public Law 115–55 (AMA),

creating a new, modernized claims and appeals framework for pursuing VA benefits. VA fully implemented the AMA on February 19, 2019. However, prior to implementation, section 4(a) of the AMA authorized VA to implement programs for testing the feasibility and advisability of any facet of the new appeals system. As such, VA developed RAMP. Starting in November 2017, RAMP allowed certain Veterans with appeals pending in the “legacy” system for disability compensation to opt-in to the modernized system by electing a supplemental claim or higher-level review (HLR). RAMP participants benefited from early resolution and the effective date protections of the new process.

RAMP provided VA with information that improved the procedures and information technology systems used to fully implement the AMA in February 2019. Feedback received from Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations, employees and other stakeholders during the RAMP pilot period also led VA to revise its forms and notices. VA likewise identified additional training resources and materials regarding the new review options and procedures. As of the end of February 2019, RAMP elections resulted in a combined 85,993 HLR requests and supplemental claims, resulting in 65,670 decisions that released total payments of \$267,403,115 to Veterans.

On February 14, 2019, VA issued a press release advising that it would discontinue accepting RAMP elections postmarked after February 15, 2019 (and non-postmarked elections received after February 25, 2019) prior to full implementation of the AMA on February 19, 2019. Section 4(c) of the AMA prohibits VA from carrying out pilot programs such as RAMP after it fully implements the law, which it did on February 19, 2019. However, VA continued thereafter to process RAMP elections postmarked on or before February 15, 2019, to conclude the program in an orderly fashion.

Although VA believes that decisions have been issued on the majority of timely RAMP elections, occasionally VA discovers a RAMP election that has not been processed (residual RAMP election). In these situations, the subject claims have continued to move through the legacy appeals system such that they are now in a different procedural or temporal posture than they were when the RAMP election was filed. Because the posture of the subject claims has often changed, it generally is not clear whether the claimant still desires to make a RAMP election due to the passage of time. Claimants may no