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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266–4688 or email *maribel.aponte@va.gov*. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0863” 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, OAL invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OAL’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of OAL’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:* VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Construction Provisions and Clauses.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0863.

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

*Abstract:* This Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission seeks renewal without changes of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved No. 2900–0863, VAAR clause 852.237–73, Crime Control Act—Requirement for Background Checks. Under the Crime Control Act of 1990 (34 U.S.C. 20351), each agency of the Federal Government, and every facility operated by the Federal Government, or operated under contract with the Federal Government, that hires, or contracts for hire, individuals involved with the provision to children under the age of 18 of childcare services shall assure that all existing and newly hired employees undergo a criminal history background check. VAAR clause 852.237–73, Crime Control Act—Requirement for Background Checks, is required in all solicitations, contracts,

and orders that involve providing childcare services to children under the age of 18, including social services, health and mental health care, child-(day) care, education (whether or not directly involved in teaching), and rehabilitative programs covered under the statute.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 60 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One per contract employee.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0586]

**Agency Information Collection**

**Activity: VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Clause 852.211–72, Technical Industry Standards**

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Office of Acquisition and Logistics (OAL), 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 September 27, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at *www.Regulations.gov* or to Bogdan Vaga, Office of Acquisition & Logistics, Procurement Policy & Warrant Management Services (003A2A), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to *Bogdan.Vaga@va.gov*. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0586” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

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

*Title:* VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) Construction Provisions and Clauses.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0586.

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

*Abstract:* This Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) submission seeks an extension of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval No. 2900–0586 for collection of information for both commercial and non-commercial item, service, and construction solicitations and contracts using VAAR Clause 852.211–72, Technical Industry Standards, as prescribed in CFR Title 48, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, VAAR 811.204–70, Contract clause. VAAR clause 852.211–72, Technical Industry Standards, requires that items offered for sale to VA under the solicitation conform to certain technical industry standards, such as United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or the USDA Institutional Meat Purchase Specifications (IMPS) and that the contractor furnish evidence to VA

that the items meet that requirement. The evidence is normally in the form of a tag or seal affixed to the item, such as a label on beef product. In most cases, this requires no additional effort on the part of the contractor, as the items come from the factory with the tags already in place, as part of the manufacturer's standard manufacturing operation. Occasionally, for items not already meeting standards or for items not previously tested, a contractor will have to furnish a certificate from an acceptable laboratory certifying that the items furnished have been tested in accordance with, and conform to, the specified standards. Only firms whose products have not previously been tested to ensure the products meet the industry standards required under the solicitation and contract will be required to submit a separate certificate. The information will be used to ensure that the items being purchased meet minimum safety standards and to protect VA employees, VA beneficiaries, and the public.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 559 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One per contract.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,118.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Maribel Aponte,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Request for Information on the Department of Veterans Affairs Kinesiotherapist Standard of Practice

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs

**ACTION:** Request for Information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is requesting information to assist in developing a national standard of practice for VA Kinesiotherapists. VA seeks comments on various topics to help inform VA's development of this national standard of practice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 27, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Comments received will be available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) for public viewing, inspection or copies.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ethan Kalett, Office of Regulations, Appeals and Policy (10BRAP), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, 202-461-0500. This is not a toll-free number.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

38 U.S.C. 73 and 74 and 38 U.S.C. 303 permit the Secretary to further regulate VA's health care professions to make certain that VA's health care system provides safe and effective health care by qualified health care professionals to ensure the well-being of those Veterans who have borne the battle.

On November 12, 2020, VA published an interim final rule to confirm that VA health care professionals may practice their health care profession consistent with the scope and requirements of their VA employment, notwithstanding any State license, registration, certification or other requirements that unduly interfere with their practice. 38 CFR 17.419; 85 FR 71838. Specifically, this rulemaking confirmed VA's current practice of allowing VA health care professionals to deliver health care services in a state other than the health care professional's state of licensure, registration, certification or other state requirement, thereby enhancing beneficiaries' access to critical VA health care services. The rulemaking also confirmed VA's authority to establish national standards of practice for health care professionals which would standardize a health care professional's practice in all VA medical facilities.

The rulemaking explained that a national standard of practice describes the tasks and duties that a VA health care professional practicing in the health care profession may perform and may be permitted to undertake. Having a national standard of practice means that individuals from the same VA health care profession may provide the same type of tasks and duties regardless of the VA medical facility where they are located or the state license, registration, certification or other state requirement they hold. We emphasized in the rulemaking, and reiterate here, that VA will determine on an individual basis that a health care professional has the necessary education, training and skills to perform the tasks and duties detailed in the national standard of practice and will only be able to perform such tasks and duties after they have been incorporated into the individual's privileges, scope of practice or functional statement. The rulemaking explicitly did not create any such

national standards and directed that all national standards of practice would be subsequently created via policy.

#### Need for National Standards of Practice

As the Nation's largest integrated health care system, it is critical that VA develops national standards of practice to ensure beneficiaries receive the same high-quality care regardless of where they enter the system and to ensure that VA health care professionals can efficiently meet the needs of beneficiaries when practicing within the scope of their VA employment. National standards are designed to increase beneficiaries' access to safe and effective health care, thereby improving health outcomes. The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of this initiative. With an increased need for mobility in our workforce, including through VA's Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System, creating a uniform standard of practice better supports VA health care professionals who already practice across state lines. In addition, developing national standards of practice aligns with VA's long-term deployment of a new electronic health record (EHR). National standards of practice are critical for optimal EHR implementation to enable the specific roles for each health care profession in EHR to be consistent across Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and to support increased interoperability between VA and the Department of Defense (DoD). DoD has historically standardized practice for certain health care professionals, and VHA closely partnered with DoD to learn from their experience.

#### Process To Develop National Standards of Practice

Consistent with 38 CFR 17.419, VA is developing national standards of practice via policy. There will be one overarching National Standard of Practice directive with each individual national standard of practice as an appendix to the directive. The directive and all appendices will be accessible on VHA Publications website at: <https://vaww.va.gov/vhapublications/> (internal) and <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/> (external) once published.

To develop these national standards, VA is using a robust, interactive process that is consistent with our authority under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution and consistent with the guidance outlined in Executive Order (E.O.) 13132 to utilize such authority. The process includes consulting with internal and external