

Improvement Act of 2017, which requires VA to pay State Veteran Homes (SVHs) for medical model adult day health care provided to certain eligible Veterans; and Public Law 116–315, section 3007, Waiver of Requirements of Department of Veterans Affairs for Receipt of Per Diem Payments for Domiciliary Care at State Homes and Modification of Eligibility for such Payments. This information collection also enables the payment of per diem to State homes that provide care to eligible Veterans in accordance with title 38, CFR part 51. The intended effect of these provisions is to create a safeguard that Veterans are receiving a high quality of care in SVHs.

To ensure that high quality care is furnished to Veterans, VA requires those facilities providing nursing home care, domiciliary care, and adult day health care programs to Veterans to supply various kinds of information. The information required includes an application and justification for payment; records and reports that facility management must maintain regarding payment activities of residents or participants; and records and reports that facilities management and health care professionals must maintain regarding eligible residents or participants. The following three forms are included in this information collection:

a. *VA Form 10–5588*: State Home Report and Statement of Federal Aid Claimed—38 CFR 51, 52 and title 38 U.S.C. 1741, 1742, 1743 and 1745—is used to assess and provide per diem to State homes. This collection instrument is used by the State home employees and VA Staff.

b. *VA Form 10–5588A*: Claim for Increased Per Diem Payment for Veterans Awarded Retroactive Service Connection—38 CFR 51, 52 and title 38 U.S.C. 1741, 1742, 1743 and 1745—is used to assess and provide per diem to State homes retroactively. This collection instrument is used by the State home employees and VA Staff.

c. *VA Form 10–10SH*: State Home Program Application for Veterans Care Medical Certification—38 CFR 51, 52 and title 38 U.S.C. 1741, 1742, 1743 and 1745—provides for the collection of information to apply for the benefits of this program.

The State Home Per Diem (SHPD) Program recently automated the 10–10SH form. The form was converted into a web-based, fillable form that can

be electronically submitted from the SVH to the appropriate VAMC. It includes data field validation, assuring that all required fields have been filled before the user can electronically submit the 10–10SH form. The VA portion of the application also includes business rules to assist the VA representatives in making uniform determinations, allow the VA representative to return incomplete applications to the SVH along with a notification to them, and record receipt of the completed application.

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 88 FR 118 on June 21, 2023, pages 40402 and 40403.

*Total Annual Burden*: 4,816 hours.

*Total Annual Responses*: 13,614.

#### **VA Form 10–5588**

*Affected Public*: State, local, and Tribal governments.

*Estimated Annual Burden*: 834 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent*: 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response*: Monthly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 139.

#### **VA Form 10–5588A**

*Affected Public*: State, local, and Tribal governments.

*Estimated Annual Burden*: 180 hours.  
*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent*: 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response*: Monthly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 45.

#### **VA Form 10–10SH**

*Affected Public*: State, local, and Tribal governments.

*Estimated Annual Burden*: 3,802 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent*: 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response*: Once annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 11,406.

By direction of the Secretary:

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## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee, Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee will hold its face-to-face meeting at the American Legion, 1608 K Street NW, 7th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20006 on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, through Wednesday, September 20, 2023. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST) each day and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. (EST). The meeting sessions are open to the public. Additionally, a meeting link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82147382793> will be provided for the individuals who cannot attend in person.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of VA on rural health care issues affecting Veterans. The Committee examines programs and policies that impact the delivery of VA rural health care to Veterans and discusses ways to improve and enhance VA access to rural health care services for Veterans.

The agenda will include updates from Department leadership; the Acting Executive Director, VA Office of Rural Health; and the Committee Chair; as well as presentations by subject-matter experts on general rural health care access.

Public comments will be received at 4:30 p.m. on September 20, 2023. Interested parties should contact Ms. Judy Bowie, by email at [VRHAC@va.gov](mailto:VRHAC@va.gov), or by mail at 810 Vermont Avenue NW (12POP7), Washington, DC 20420. Individuals wishing to speak are invited to submit a 1–2-page summary of their comment for inclusion in the official meeting record. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Bowie at the phone number or email address noted above.

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