

individuals receiving QSTP distributions to verify compliance with section 529 and to determine that the taxable amount of the distribution has been computed correctly.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this existing regulation.

*Type of review:* Extension of OMB approval.

*Affected Public:* State, local or tribal governments and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,051.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 35 hrs., 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 705,000.

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: May 21, 2001.

**Garrick R. Shear,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0080]

### 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to initiate and document expenditures, claim reimbursement as well as make funeral arrangements and authorize burial benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail [ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov](mailto:ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0080" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Bickoff at (202) 273-8310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 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.

*Titles:*

a. Claim for Payment of Cost of Unauthorized Medical Services, VA Form 10-583.

b. Funeral Arrangements, VA Form 10-2065.

c. Authority and Invoice for Travel by Ambulance or Other Hired Vehicle, VA Form 10-2511.

d. Authorization and Invoice for Medical and Hospital Services.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0080.

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

*Abstract:*

a. VA Form 10-583 is used by health care providers as a claim for the cost of unauthorized hospital care and by veterans as a claim for reimbursement of such cost.

b. VA Form 10-2065 is completed by clerical staff upon the death of a veteran in a VA medical care facility. It is used primarily in VA medical facilities and serves as an official record of the Funeral Director to which the person making funeral arrangements wishes the remains to be released. It is also used as a control document when VA is requested to arrange for the transportation of the deceased from the place of death to the place of burial, and/or when burial is requested in a National Cemetery.

c. VA Form 10-7078 is used by administrative personnel in VA medical facilities to authorize expenditures from the medical care account and process payment of medical and hospital services provided by other than Federal health providers to VA beneficiaries.

d. VA Form 10-2511 is used by administrative personnel in VA facilities to authorize expenditures from the beneficiary travel account. It is also used to process payment for ambulance or other hired vehicular forms of transportation for eligible veterans to and from VA health care facilities for examination, treatment or care.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit, Individuals or households, and Not for profit institutions.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 32,742 hours.

a. VA Form 10-583—17,188.

b. VA Form 10-2065—3,071.

c. VA Form 10-2511—4,083.

d. VA Form 10-7078—8,400.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. VA Form 10-583—15 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-2065—5 minutes.

c. VA Form 10-2511—2 minutes.

d. VA Form 10-7078—2 minutes.  
*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
 480,100.

- a. VA Form 10-583—68,750 hours.
- b. VA Form 10-2065—36,850 hours.
- c. VA Form 10-2511—122,500 hours.
- d. VA Form 10-7078—252,000 hours.

Dated: May 18, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Barbara H. Epps,**

*Management Analyst, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0012]

### 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 28, 2001.

**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, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0012."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Application for Cash Surrender Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-1546, and Application for Policy Loan Government Life Insurance, VA Form 29-1546-1.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0012.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The form is used by the insured to apply for cash surrender value or policy loan on his/her Government Life Insurance. The

information is used by VA to process the insurer's request for a loan or cash surrender.

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 February 15, 2001 at pages 10564-10565.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 4,939 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 29,636.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's 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. 2900-0012" in any correspondence.

Dated: April 30, 2001.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

**ACTION:** Notice of System of Records "Spinal Cord Dysfunction-Registry—VA."

**SUMMARY:** The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their system of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing a new system of records entitled "Spinal Cord Dysfunction—Registry (SCD-R)—VA" (108VA11S).

**DATES:** Comments on the establishment of this new system of records must be received no later than June 28, 2001. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective June 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the proposed new system of

records may be submitted to the Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE

**CONTACT:** Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Privacy Act Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (727) 320-1839.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. Description of the Proposed System of Records

The Spinal Cord Dysfunction (SCD)—Registry provides a registry of veterans with spinal cord injury and disorders (SCI&D). This registry contains pertinent information on veterans with SCI&D and enables better coordination of care among VHA staff. The purpose of the registry is to assist clinicians, administrators, and researchers in identifying and tracking services for veterans with spinal cord dysfunction resulting from trauma or diseases. The SCD—Registry can also facilitate clinical, administrative, and research reports for medical center use. Local Veterans Health Information System and Technology Architecture (VistA) SCD—Registries provide aggregate data to the National SCD—Registry database at the Austin Automation Center (AAC). This centralized AAC registry is used to provide a VA-wide review of veteran demographics and clinical aspects of injury and disorders for administrative and research purposes.

These records contain identifying information including name, social security number (SSN), date of birth, unique record identifiers, and registration date. SCD—Registry registration information may include registration status, neurologic level of injury, etiology, date of onset, type of cause, completeness of injury, and annual evaluation dates offered and received. Each local medical center facility has a VistA based SCD—Registry software package that interactively functions with other clinical VistA based software. The SCD—Registry program and other programs at the respective facilities automatically flag records or events for transmission based upon functionality requirements. Data transmissions between VA health care facilities and the VA databases housed at the AAC are accomplished using the