

its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 19, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005G2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565-8374, FAX (202) 565-6950 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0110."

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. 2900-0110" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Assumption Approval and/or Release from Personal Liability to the Government on a Home Loan, VA Form 26-6381.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0110.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Veteran-borrows complete VA Form 26-6381 to sell their home by assumption rather than requiring the purchaser to obtain their own financing to pay off the VA guaranteed home loan. In order for the veteran-borrower to be release from personal liability, the loan must be current and the purchaser must assume all of the veteran's liability to the Government and to the mortgage holder and meet the credit and income requirements.

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 January 31, 2006 at pages 5120-5121.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

By direction of the Secretary:

Dated: May 4, 2006.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (IL)]

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. 3501-21), 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Preliminary Independent Living (IL) Assessment, VA Form 28-0791.

OMB Control Number: 2900-New (IL).

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: VA case managers use VA Form 28-0791 while evaluating the independent living needs of veterans with severe disabilities. The data is used to determine the scope of the veteran's independent living needs under the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program.

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 9, 2005 at pages 73328-73329.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 1 hour.

Frequency of Response: One-time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Dated: May 4, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463, Federal Advisory Committee Act, that a meeting of the Health Services Research and Development Service Merit Review Board will be held August 28-30, 2006 at the Hyatt Harborside Hotel, 101 Harborside Drive, Boston, MA. Various subcommittees of the Board will meet during that period.

Each subcommittee meeting of the Merit Review Board will be open to the public the first day from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each meeting will be closed. The closed portion of the meeting will involve discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research proposals and critiques.

On Monday, August 28, 2006, an orientation session will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Tuesday, August 29, 2006, five subcommittees will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Implementation and Management Research Science, Chronic Disease Management & Long Term Aging, General Health Services Research, Special Populations and the Nursing Research Initiative (NRI). On Wednesday, August 30, 2006, five subcommittees will convene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Implementation and Management Research Science (continuation), Special Populations (continuation) General Health Services Research (continuation), Chronic Disease Management (continuation) and Equity/Women's Health review group.

The purpose of Board is to review research and development applications concerned with the measurement and evaluation of health care services, the

testing of new methods of health care delivery and management, and nursing research. Applications are reviewed for scientific and technical merit. Recommendations regarding funding are prepared for the Chief Research and Development Officer.

After the subcommittees meet there will be a debriefing provided to members of Health Services Research & Development Service Merit Review Board. This debriefing, by teleconference, will be to discuss the outcomes of the review sessions and to ensure the integrity and consistency of the review process.

During the closed portion of the meeting, discussion and

recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would be likely to compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing portions of these meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the open session should contact the Scientific

Merit Review Program Manager (124R), Health Services Research and Development Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006 at least five days before the meeting. For further information, call (202) 254-0207.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

E. Philip Riggin,

Committee Management Officer.

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