

(44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 May 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to VA's OMB 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. 2900-0094" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0094."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Supplement to VA Forms 21-526, 21-534, and 21-535 (for Philippine Claims), VA Form 21-4169.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0094.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-4169 is used to collect certain applicants' service information, place of residence, proof of service, and whether the applicant was a member of pro-Japanese, pro-German, or anti-American Filipino organizations. VA uses the information collected to determine the applicant's eligibility for benefits based on Commonwealth Army of the Philippines or recognized guerrilla services.

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 23, 2008, at page 4048.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 250 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

Dated: April 4, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0101]**

**Proposed Information Collection (Eligibility Verification Reports); Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), 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. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine and verify entitlement to income-based benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before June 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0101" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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.

*Titles:* Eligibility Verification Reports (EVR).

a. Eligibility Verification Report Instructions, VA Form 21-0510.

b. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse), VA Form 21-0512S-1.

c. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran), VA Form 21-0512V-1.

d. Old Law and Section 306 Eligibility Verification Report (Children Only), VA Form 21-0513-1.

e. DIC Parent's Eligibility Verification Report, VA Forms 21-0514 and 21-0514-1.

f. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With No Children), VA Forms 21-0516 and 21-0516-1.

g. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Veteran With Children), VA Forms 21-0517 and 21-0517-1.

h. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With No Children), VA Forms 21-0518 and 21-0518-1.

i. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Child or Children), VA Forms 21-0519C and 21-0519C-1.

j. Improved Pension Eligibility Verification Report (Surviving Spouse With Children), VA Forms 21-0519S and 21-0519S-1.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0101.

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

*Abstract:* VA uses Eligibility Verification Reports (EVR) forms to verify a claimant's continued entitlement to benefits. Claimants who applied for or receives Improved Pension or Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation must promptly notify VA in writing of any changes in entitlement factors. EVRs are required annually by beneficiaries whose social security number (SSN) or whose spouse's SSN is not verified, or who has income other than Social

Security. Recipients of Old Law and Section 306 Pension are no longer required to submit annual EVRs unless there is a change in their income.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 113,075 hours. The annual burden for VA Forms 21-0512S-1, 21-0512V-1, 21-0513-1, 21-0514, 21-0514-1, 21-0516, 21-0516-1, 21-0518, 21-0518-1, 21-0519C, and 21-0519C-1 is 9,8775 and 14,300 for VA Forms 21-0517, 21-0517-1, 21-0519S, and 21-0519S-1.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* The estimated burden respondent for VA Forms 21-0512S-1, 21-0512V-1, 21-0513-1, 21-0514, 21-0514-1, 21-0516, 21-0516-1, 21-0518, 21-0518-1, 21-0519C, and 21-0519C-1 is 30 minutes and 40 minutes for VA Forms 21-0517, 21-0517-1, 21-0519S, and 21-0519S-1.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 219,000. The number of respondents for VA Forms 21-0512S-1, 21-0512V-1, 21-0513-1, 21-0514, 21-0514-1, 21-0516, 21-0516-1, 21-0518, 21-0518-1, 21-0519C, and 21-0519C-1 is 197,550 and 21,450 for VA Forms 21-0517, 21-0517-1, 21-0519S, and 21-0519S-1.

Dated: April 4, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0666]

### Agency Information Collection (Information Regarding Apportionment of Beneficiary's Award) 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. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, FAX (202) 273-0443 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0666."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Information Regarding Apportionment of Beneficiary's Award, VA Form 21-0788.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0666.

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

*Abstract:* The data collected on VA Form 21-0788 is used to determine whether a veteran's or beneficiary's compensation and pension benefits may be allocated to his or her dependents. The veteran and the beneficiary use the form to report their income information in order for VA to determine the amount of benefit that may be apportioned to a spouse and children who do not reside with the veteran. A portion of the surviving spouse's benefits may be allocated to children of deceased veterans, who do not reside with the surviving spouse.

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*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 12,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25,000.

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By direction of the Secretary.

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*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### GR Modifier Use by the Department of Veterans Affairs

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) bills health benefit plans for the cost of certain care delivered to veterans. Starting with dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, when medical residents deliver care in a VA Medical Center or clinic under the supervision of an attending physician, VA will issue its bill in the name of the attending physician but append the Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) Level II modifier "-GR" to the CPT code for the service. For billing and payment purposes, the "-GR" modifier when used on VA billings has the same effect as the "-GC" or "-GE" modifier when used in billings from non-VA providers. The use of the "-GC" "-GE" modifiers is generally discontinued in VA billings; they are used only as specifically permitted by VA policy.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tony A. Guagliardo, Director, Business Policy, Chief Business Office (163), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 254-0384. (This is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) supports the Nation's largest graduate medical training program; each year approximately 30 percent of all the medical residents in the United States receive some or all of their training in a VHA Medical Center or clinic. VA policy is that the cost of clinical services provided by medical residents will be billed to third party health benefit plans as provided in 38 U.S.C. 1729 when the resident is supervised by an attending physician in accordance with VHA policy.

For coding and billing purposes, documentation of resident supervision is different in VHA Medical Centers or clinics than in the non-VA sector. VHA requires that any services provided in whole or in part by a resident must be notated with the designation "-GR". In the non-VA sector, services provided in whole or in part by a resident must be notated with either the "-GC" or "-GE" modifier as appropriate. The Health and Human Services (HHS) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has adopted billing rules which generally require the documentation of