

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0609" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Enterprise Records 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. 2900-0609."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, VA Form 10-21034g. *OMB Control Number:* 2900-0609.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Public Law 104-262, The Veterans Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996, requires VA implement a priority-based enrollment system. VA must enroll veterans by specified priorities as far down the priorities as the available resources permit. The number of priority levels to which VHA will be able to deliver care will be a function of annual funding levels and utilization of health care services by enrollees. Additionally, eligibility reform has brought about the ever-increasing need for VA to plan and budget for the evolving clinical care needs of its extremely dynamic enrollee population at risk of need or use of VA care.

There is no valid, recent information available in administrative databases on all enrollees' health status, income, and their reliance upon the VA system. The magnitude of changes each year in enrollees, their characteristics, and system policies make annual surveys necessary to capture this critical information for input into VHA's Health Care Services Demand Model. The survey will provide VA with current information for sound decisions that affect the entire VA health care delivery system and the veterans it serves. VA Form 10-21034g will be used to provide the survey data on morbidity and reliance that is critical to obtaining accurate projections of VA's ability to service veterans who are seeking VA health care services. The projections will also be used to support VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services initiative and will also served as the basis for VA's new emphasis on population-based budget formulation, policy scenario testing, and strategic planning.

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 24, 2009, at page 8305.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households, and Federal Government. *Estimated Annual Burden:* 14,400 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 20 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 42,200.

Dated: May 5, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.* [FR Doc. E9-10795 Filed 5-8-09; 8:45 am]

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900—New (10-21092a-c)]**

**Proposed Information Collection (Survey of Chronic Gastrointestinal Illness in Persian Gulf Veterans) Activity: 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to evaluate chronic gastrointestinal disorders in Persian Gulf War Veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 10, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [mary.stout@va.gov](mailto:mary.stout@va.gov). Please refer to

"OMB Control No. 2900—New (10-21092a-c)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Stout (202) 273-8664 or FAX (202) 273-9381.

**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, 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. Survey of Chronic Gastrointestinal Illness in Persian Gulf Veterans, VA Form 10-21092a.

b. VA Research Consent Form (Cases), VA Form 10-2109b.

c. VA Research Consent Form (Control), VA Form 10-2109c.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900—New (10-21092a-c).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Military troops who were deployed in the first Persian Gulf War returned with persistent gastrointestinal symptoms, typical of diarrhea-predominant irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). The data collected from the survey will assist VA in determining whether chronic gastrointestinal illness in Persian Gulf Veterans was caused by the presence of bacteria in the intestines and whether eradication of these bacteria reduces symptoms of chronic diarrhea.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:*

a. Survey of Chronic Gastrointestinal Illness in Persian Gulf Veterans, VA Form 10-21092a—3,000 hours.

b. VA Research Consent Form (Cases), VA Form 10-2109b—41 hours.

c. VA Research Consent Form (Control), VA Form 10-2109c—31 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. Survey of Chronic Gastrointestinal Illness in Persian Gulf Veterans, VA Form 10-21092a—45 minutes.

b. VA Research Consent Form (Cases), VA Form 10-2109b—15 minutes.

c. VA Research Consent Form (Control), VA Form 10-2109c—10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

a. Survey of Chronic Gastrointestinal Illness in Persian Gulf Veterans, VA Form 10-21092a—4,000.

b. VA Research Consent Form (Cases), VA Form 10-2109b—165.

c. VA Research Consent Form (Control), VA Form 10-2109c—189.

Dated: May 5, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (21-526b)]

### Proposed Information Collection (Veteran's Supplemental Claim Application) Activity: 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to assist veterans in reopening a previously denied disability compensation claim or to request an increase in benefit and/or claim for a new service-connected condition.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 10, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <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-New (21-526b)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**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.

*Title:* Veteran's Supplemental Claim Application, VA Form 21-526b.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (21-526b).

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* Veterans who were denied a claim under Application for Compensation or Pension and wish to request an increase in benefit and/or a claim for a new service-connected condition must complete VA Form 21-526b to file a supplemental claim for disability compensation or to reopen a previously denied claim. VA will use the data to assist veterans in their claim for compensation.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 16,667.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200,000.

Dated: May 5, 2009.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Enterprise Records Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New (VR&E Service)]

### Proposed Information Collection (VR&E Employment of Individuals With Severe Injuries Study); 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 new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine whether Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service program is meeting the needs of severely disabled veterans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 10, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <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 [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (VR&E Service)" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**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