

to collect essential information from individuals, including technical and language skills, and availability for Peace Corps service. The Peace Corps will be changing its application process to better match applicants to programs based on their skills and interests. Due to this change in the way applicants are processed and an overall agency effort to reduce the burden on applicants by only asking the most essential questions, the agency is developing a new application.

Title: Peace Corps Volunteer Application.

OMB Control Number: 0420-pending.

Type of Review: New.

Affected Public: General public.

Respondents' Obligation To Reply: Voluntary.

Burden to the Public

a. *Estimated number of respondents:* 20,000.

b. *Estimated average burden per response:* 1 hour.

c. *Frequency of response:* one time.

d. *Annual reporting burden:* 20,000.

e. *Number of applications received electronically (99%):* 19,800.

f. *Number of applications received in hard copy (1%):* 200.

General Description of Collection: The Volunteer Application is used by Peace Corps in its assessment of an individual's qualifications to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer. It is the document of record for an individual's decision to apply for Peace Corps service.

Request for Comment: Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

This notice issued in Washington, DC, on December 6, 2013.

Dated: December 12, 2013.

Denora Miller,

FOIA/Privacy Act Officer, Management.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges; Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice of effective date.

SUMMARY: This document announces the effective date of a regulatory provision published in the **Federal Register** by OPM on March 11, 2013 (78 FR 15559), entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges."

DATES: The effective date of OPM's regulatory provision relating to external review (45 CFR 800.503) is December 13, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rule published on March 11, 2013, OPM provided notice that the regulatory provision relating to external review (45 CFR 800.503) will take effect on the effective date of a technical amendment to regulations implementing section 2719 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, which apply to all non-grandfathered group health plans and health insurance issuers, including plans in the Multi-State Plan Program. On November 13, 2013, the Departments of Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services ("the Departments") jointly published "Final Rules under the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008; Technical Amendment to External Review for Multi-State Plan Program" (78 FR 68240). This final rule retains provisions the Departments proposed on March 21, 2013 (78 FR 17313), implementing a technical amendment to regulations for section 2719 of the PHS Act. This final rule specifies that Multi-State Plan coverage will be subject to standards established for the Federal external review process under section 2719(b)(2) of the PHS Act and paragraph (d) of the internal claims and appeals and external review regulations.

Additionally, the Departments' final rule corrects a typographical error in the March 21, 2013 proposed rule. The effective date of the Departments' technical amendment is December 13, 2013, and accordingly, this document advises the public that the effective date of OPM's regulatory provision relating

to external review (45 CFR 800.503) is also December 13, 2013.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Katherine Archuleta,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Minnesota Life Insurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

December 6, 2013.

AGENCY: The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act" or "Act"), granting exemptions from the provisions of Sections 2(a)(32) and 27(i)(2)(A) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act.

APPLICANTS: Minnesota Life Insurance Company ("Minnesota Life" or "Insurance Company"), Variable Annuity Account ("Separate Account"), and Securian Financial Services, Inc. ("SFS") (collectively, "Applicants").

SUMMARY: *Summary of Application:* Applicants seek an order amending an existing order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act, exempting them from the provisions of Sections 2(a)(32) and 27(i)(2)(A) of the 1940 Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act to the extent necessary to permit Applicants, under specified circumstances, to recapture certain bonuses ("Credit Enhancements") applied to cumulative net purchase payments under certain deferred variable annuity contracts issued by the Insurance Company.

DATES: *Filing Date:* The application was filed on May 23, 2013, and an amended and restated application was filed on August 9, 2013.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on December 27, 2013, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the requester's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be