

VA facility for the receipt of primary care, specialty care, and hospital care and medical services based on the general severity of the condition of the veteran. Whenever the wait-times for the scheduling of such an appointment change, the Act also requires the Secretary to publish the revised wait-times on a publicly-accessible Internet Web site of each VA Medical Center not later than 30 days after such change and in the **Federal Register** not later than 90 days after such change.

VA publishes wait-times for the scheduling of appointments in each VA facility for primary care, specialty care, and mental health services twice each month. VA also publishes a **Federal Register** Notice every 90 days to notify the public of the availability of this wait-time data. This wait-time data uses the Veteran's preferred date or the clinically appropriate date for scheduling an appointment.

The wait-time data report, which also includes data at the Community-Based Outpatient Clinic level for all VA facilities, can be found using the following link: <http://www.va.gov/health/access-audit.asp>.

#### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Nabors II, Chief of Staff, approved this document on August 3, 2015, for publication.

Dated: August 4, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0674]

### Agency Information Collection—Clarification of a Notice of Disagreement Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Board of Veterans' Appeals, 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 Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), 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 and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0674" in any correspondence.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Rennie, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-7492 or email [crystal.rennie@va.gov](mailto:crystal.rennie@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0674" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Clarification of Notice of Disagreement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0674.

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

*Abstract:* Appellate review of the denial of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits is initiated by a claimant, or his/her representative, filing a Notice of Disagreement. 38 U.S.C.A. §§ 7105(a), (b)(2). A Notice of Disagreement is a written communication that expresses (1) dissatisfaction or disagreement with an adjudicative determination by the agency of original jurisdiction (AOJ) and (2) a desire to contest the result. 38 U.S.C.A. § 7105; 38 CFR 20.201. No special form or wording is required; however, the Notice of Disagreement must identify the specific determinations with which the claimant disagrees, and must be in terms that can be reasonably construed as disagreement with the AOJ's determination and a desire for appellate review. *Id.* If the AOJ receives a written communication expressing dissatisfaction or disagreement within one year (or 60 days for simultaneously contested claims) of mailing an adverse decision, but cannot clearly identify that communication as expressing an intent to appeal, or cannot identify which claims the claimant wants to appeal, then the AOJ will contact the claimant orally or in writing to request clarification of his/her intent. 38 CFR 19.26(b).

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 at 80 FR 8764 on February 18, 2015.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 122,487.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 122,487.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0002]

### Proposed Information Collection: Income, Net Worth and Employment Statement (in Support of Claim for Total Disability Benefits) and Application for Pension

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

**ACTION:** Notice; comment request.

**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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to

“OMB Control No. 2900–0002” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or FAX (202) 632–8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–21), 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:* Income, Net Worth and Employment Statement (In Support of Claim for Total Disability Benefits) (21P–527) and Application for Pension (21P–527EZ).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0002.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21P–527 is necessary to obtain current employment, dependency, and family income and net worth information entitlement to disability pension. VA

disability pension benefits are not payable without this information. VA Form 527EZ is the prescribed form for disability pension claims, respectively, claimed under the Fully Developed Claim (FDC) Program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 84,708 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 60 minutes for 21P–527 and 25 minutes for 21P–527EZ.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 118,197.

By direction of the Secretary.

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