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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2, that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on August 1-2, 2017, at 999 California Street, San Francisco, CA, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on August 1 and from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. (Pacific) on August 2. All sessions will be open to the public, and for interested parties who cannot attend in person, there is a toll-free telephone number (800) 767-1750; access code 56978#.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans, and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War in 1990-1991.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War Veterans' illnesses, and updates on relevant scientific research published since the last Committee meeting. Presentations will include updates on the VA Gulf War research program, along with presentations describing new areas of research in sleep, aging, and neuroscience that can be applied to the health problems of Gulf War Veterans. Also, there will be a discussion of Committee business and activities.

The meeting will include time reserved for public comments in the afternoon. A sign-up sheet for 5-minute comments will be available at the meeting. Individuals who wish to address the Committee may submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments for inclusion in the official meeting record. Members of the public may also submit written statements for the Committee's review to Dr. Victor Kalasinsky via email at [victor.kalasinsky@va.gov](mailto:victor.kalasinsky@va.gov). Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Dr. Kalasinsky, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 443-5600.

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**LaTonya L. Small,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: General Release for Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Authorization and Consent To Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, 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.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 29, 2017.

**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-NEW" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, 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.

**Authority:** Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

**Title:** General Release for Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (VA Form 21-4142) and Authorization and Consent to Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA Form 21-4142a).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-NEW.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Abstract:** VA Forms 21-4142 will be used to authorize the disclosure of information to the VA and 21-4142a will be used to gather the necessary information to request medical provider information to the VA.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 11,033 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 132,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0708]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Evidence for Transfer Entitlement of Education Benefits (CFR 21.7080)

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of

1995, 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 July 31, 2017.

**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. 2900-00708” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Department Clearance Officer—OI&T (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [Cynthia.harvey.pryor@va.gov](mailto:Cynthia.harvey.pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0708” in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* 38 U.S.C. 3020, 38 U.S.C. 3319; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

*Title:* Evidence for Transfer Entitlement of Education Benefits (CFR 21.7080).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0708.

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

*Abstract:* Servicemembers on active duty may request to designate up to a maximum of 18 months of their educational entitlement to their spouse, one or more of their children, or a combination of the spouse and children. VA will accept DOD Form 2366-1 as evidence that the servicemember must submit it in writing to VA, the name of each dependent, the number of months of entitlement transferred to each dependent, and the period (beginning date or ending date) for which the transfer will be effective for each designated dependent. VA will use the information shown on DOD Form 2366-1 to determine whether the dependent qualifies to receive education benefits under the transfer of entitlement provision of law.

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 82 FR 69 on April 12, 2017, page 17742.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 11,311 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 135,735.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Privacy and Records Management, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0521]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Credit Underwriting Standards and Procedures for Processing VA Guaranteed Loans

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 31, 2017.

**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. 2900-0521” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont

Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0521.”

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

*Title:* Credit Underwriting Standards and Procedures for Processing VA Guaranteed Loans (VA Form 26-1820, VA Form 26-8497, VA Form 26-8497a).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0521.

*Type of Review:* Extension of an approved collection.

*Abstract:* Lenders must obtain specific information concerning a veteran’s credit history in order to properly underwrite the veteran’s loan. VA loans may not be guaranteed unless the veteran is a satisfactory credit risk. The data collected on the following forms are used to ensure that applications for VA-guaranteed loans are underwritten in a reasonable and prudent manner.

a. VA Form 26-1820 is completed by lenders closing VA-guaranteed and insured loans under the automatic or prior approval procedures.

b. VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant’s income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. VA does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes, any alternative verification document would be acceptable provided that all information requested on VA Form 26-8497 is provided.

c. Lenders making guaranteed and insured loans complete VA Form 26-8497a to verify the applicant’s deposits in banks and other savings institutions.

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 Vol. 82, No. 64, Wednesday, April 5, 2017, pages 16664 and 16665.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

VA Form 26-1820 150,000 hours

VA Form 26-8497 25,000 hours

VA Form 26-8497a 12,500 hours

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:*

VA Form 26-1820 15 minutes

VA Form 26-8497 10 minutes

VA Form 26-8497a 5 minutes

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

VA Form 26-1820 600,000

VA Form 26-8497 150,000

VA Form 26-8497a 150,000