

## NON-PROBABILITY SAMPLE

Category of respondent/activity	Number of respondents	Participation time (minutes)	Burden hours
Read Invitation Email .....	461,540	0.5	3,846
Read Reminder Email * .....	431,540	0.25	1,798
Complete Survey .....	60,000	** 5.5	5,500
Total Burden Hours .....			11,144

\* The estimate for the Reminder emails is based on the assumption that 50% of the needed respondents will complete the survey online in time to not receive the Reminder email.

\*\* Participant time is based on mean completion time for non-probability panel members during pilot survey fielding.

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*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. Comments will be of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning annual registration statement identifying separated participants with deferred vested benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before June 11, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis, at (202) 317-5751 or Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at [Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov](mailto:Kerry.Dennis@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Vested Benefits.

*OMB Number:* 1545-2187.

*Form Number:* Form 8955-SSA.

*Abstract:* Form 8955-SSA, the designated successor to Schedule SSA (Form 5500), is used to satisfy the reporting requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 6057(a). Plan administrators of employee benefit plans subject to the vesting standards of ERISA section 203 use the form to report information about separated participants with deferred vested benefits under the plan. The information is generally given to the Social Security Administration (SSA), which provides the reported information to separated participants

when they file for social security benefits.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to this form.

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

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 50 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 166,000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Tiered Pharmacy Copayments for Medications Update**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Notice updates the information on Tier 1 medications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Duran, Director of Policy and Planning, Office of Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810

Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; email: *Joseph.Duran2@va.gov*; telephone: (303) 372-4629 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 17.110 of Title 38 CFR governs copayments for medications that VA provides to Veterans. Section 17.110 provides the methodologies for establishing the copayment amount for each 30-day or less supply of medication provided by VA on an outpatient basis (other than medication administered during treatment).

Section 17.110 provides a list of Tier 1 medications that will be published as a Notice in the **Federal Register** and will be posted on VA's website (*www.va.gov/health*) at least once per year. Tier 1 medication means a multi-source medication that has been identified using the process described in Section 17.110(b)(2). 38 CFR Section 17.110(b)(1)(iv)(B). Based on the

methodologies set forth in Section 17.110, this Notice updates the list of Tier 1 medications.

Not less than once per year, VA will identify a subset of multi-source medications as Tier 1 medications. Only medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(i), (ii), and (iii) of Section 17.110 will be eligible to be considered Tier 1 medications, and only those medications that meet all of the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section will be assessed using the criteria in paragraphs (b)(2)(ii) and (iii). As of the date of this Notice, the Tier 1 medication list based on the methodologies in Section 17.110 will be posted on VA's website (*www.va.gov/health*) under the heading "Tier 1 Copay Medication List."

The following table is the Tier 1 Copay Medication List that is effective January 1, 2019, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2019.

Condition	VA product name
Arthritis and Pain .....	Aspirin Buffered Tablet, Aspirin Chewable Tablet, Aspirin Enteric Coated Tablet, Allopurinol Tablet, Ibuprofen Tablet, Meloxicam Tablet, Naproxen Tablet.
Blood Thinners and Platelet Inhibitors .....	Clopidogrel Bisulfate Tablet, Warfarin Sodium Tablet.
Bone Health .....	Alendronate Tablet.
Cholesterol .....	Atorvastatin Tablet, Gemfibrozil Tablet, Lovastatin Tablet, Niacin (Slo-Niacin) Tablet, Pravastatin Tablet, Rosuvastatin Calcium Tablet, Simvastatin Tablet.
Dementia .....	Donepezil Tablet, Memantine Hydrochloride (HCL) Tablet.
Diabetes .....	Glipizide Tablet, Metformin HCL Tablet, Metformin HCL 24-hour (HR) Sustained Action (SA) Tablet, Pioglitazone HCL Tablet.
Electrolyte Supplement .....	Potassium SA Tablet, Potassium SA Dispersible Tablet.
Gastrointestinal Health .....	Omeprazole Enteric Coated (EC) Capsule, Pantoprazole Sodium EC Capsule, Ranitidine Tablet.
Glaucoma and Eye Care .....	Brimonidine 0.2% Solution, Dorzolamide 2%/Timolol 0.5% Solution, Latanoprost 0.005% Solution, Timolol Maleate 0.25% Solution, Timolol Maleate 0.5% Solution.
Heart Health and Blood Pressure .....	Amlodipine Tablet, Amiodarone HCL Tablet, Aspirin (see Arthritis and Pain), Atenolol Tablet, Carvedilol Tablet, Chlorthalidone Tablet, Clonidine Tablet, Diltiazem 24-Hour Capsule, Diltiazem HCL Tablet, Enalapril Maleate Tablet, Furosemide Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide Capsule/Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Lisinopril Tablet, Hydrochlorothiazide/Triamterene Capsule/Tablet, Isosorbide Mononitrate SA Tablet, Lisinopril Tablet, Losartan Tablet, Metoprolol Succinate SA Tablet, Metoprolol Tartrate Tablet, Nifedipine SA Capsule, Nitroglycerin Sublingual Tablet, Prazosin HCL Capsule, Propranolol HCL Tablet, Spironolactone Tablet, Valsartan Tablet, Verapamil HCL Tablet, Verapamil HCL SA Tablet.
Mental Health .....	Amitriptyline HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (12-HR Sustained Release) Tablet, Bupropion HCL SA (24-HR Extended Release XL) Tablet, Buspirone HCL Tablet, Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablet, Duloxetine HCL EC Capsule, Escitalopram Oxalate Tablet, Fluoxetine Capsule/Tablet, Lithium Carbonate Capsule/Tablet, Mirtazapine Tablet, Paroxetine HCL Tablet, Sertraline HCL Tablet, Trazodone Tablet, Venlafaxine HCL Tablet, Venlafaxine HCL SA Tablet/Capsule.
Respiratory Condition .....	Montelukast NA Tablet.
Seizures .....	Gabapentin Capsule, Lamotrigine Tablet, Topiramate Tablet.
Thyroid Conditions .....	Levothyroxine Sodium Tablet.
Urologic (Bladder and Prostate) Health .....	Alfuzosin HCL SA Tablet, Doxazosin Mesylate Tablet, Finasteride Tablet, Oxybutynin Chloride Tablet, Oxybutynin Chloride SA Tablet, Tamsulosin HCL Capsule, Terazosin HCL Capsule.

**Signing Authority**

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