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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: Information is requested by this form under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 1506, regulatory authority is found in 38 CFR 3.277.

Title: Eligibility Verification Reports (EVRs) VA Forms: 21P–0510, 21P–0510 (Spanish), 21P–0512S–1, 21P–0512S–1 (Spanish), VA Form 21P–0512V–1, 21P–0513–1, 21P–0513–1 (Spanish), 21P–0514–1, 21P–0514–1 (Spanish), 21P–0516–1, 21P–0516–1 (Spanish), 21P–0517–1, 21P–0517 (Spanish), 21P–0518–1, 21P–0518–1 (Spanish), 21P–0519C–1, 21P–0519C–1 (Spanish), 21P–0519S–1, 21P–0519S–1 (Spanish).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0101.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently/previously approved collection.

Abstract: A claimant’s eligibility for Pension is determined, in part, by countable family income and net worth. Any individual who has applied for, or receives, VA Pension or Parents’ Dependency and Indemnity

Compensation (DIC) must promptly notify the VA in writing of any change in entitlement factors. VBA uses Eligibility Verification Reports (EVRs) to receive income and net worth information from Pension and Parents DIC claimants and beneficiaries to evaluate eligibility for benefits. The reported information can result in increased or decreased benefits. Typically, the claimants and beneficiaries utilize the form to notify the VA of changes in income and net worth, though the forms could be used to reopen a claim for benefits in limited circumstances. This is a request for an extension of the EVR collections with no substantive changes.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 34,500 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 69,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0556]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health 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 for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/

PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0556.”

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will, VA Form 10–0137.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0556.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7331 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), requires, in relevant part, that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon the recommendation of the Under Secretary for Health, prescribe regulations to ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, that all Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) patient care be carried out only with the full and informed consent of the patient, or in appropriate cases, a representative thereof. Based on VA’s interpretation of this statute and our mandate in 38 U.S.C. 7301(b) to provide a complete medical and hospital service, we recognize that patients with decision-making capacity have the right to state their treatment preferences in a VA or other valid advance directive.

VA Form 10–0137, *VA Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will*, is the VA recognized legal document that permits VA patients to designate a health care agent and/or specify preferences for future health care. The VA Advance Directive is invoked if a patient becomes unable to make health care decisions for himself or herself. Use of the VA Advance Directive is specified in VHA Handbook 1004.02, *Advance Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives*. Veterans’ rights to designate a health care agent and specify health care preferences in advance are codified in 38 CFR 17.32. This regulation also obligates VA to recognize advance directives and to use the information contained therein when health care decisions must be made for a patient that has lost decision making capacity.

VA Form 10–0137 (both English and Spanish-English language versions) has a current OMB Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) clearance under OMB Control

Number 2900–0556. In addition, 2900–0556 now includes the collection of a “Close Personal Friend Statement” for incapacitated Veterans who have not completed an Advance Directive and are in need of health care. When a Veteran is incapacitated and does not have an Advance Directive, the VA regulations allow a statement to be submitted from a “Close Personal Friend” who will be responsible for making health care decisions on behalf of the Veteran. It is estimated that 300 such statements will be collected annually. VA seeks to renew the PRA clearance for the information collection under OMB Control Number 2900–0556.

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 88 FR 241 on December 18, 2023, page 87500.

VA Form 10–0137

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 171,811 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 343,622.

Close Personal Friend Statement

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

By direction of the Secretary.

Maribel Aponte,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans, Notice of Meeting, Amended

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10., that the Advisory Committee on the Readjustment of Veterans will hold a meeting virtually. The meeting will begin, and end as follows:

Date	Time	Open session
March 5, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. eastern standard time (EST).	Yes.

The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regarding the provision by VA of benefits and services to assist Veterans in the readjustment to civilian life. In carrying out this duty, the Committee shall take into account the needs of Veterans who served in combat theaters of operation. The Committee assembles, reviews, and assesses information relating to the needs of Veterans readjusting to civilian life and the effectiveness of VA services in assisting Veterans in that readjustment.

The Committee, comprised of 14 subject matter experts, advises the Secretary, through the VA Readjustment Counseling Service, on the provision by VA of benefits and services to assist Veterans in the readjustment to civilian life. In carrying out this duty, the Committee assembles, reviews, and assesses information relating to the

needs of Veterans readjusting to civilian life and the effectiveness of VA services in assisting Veterans in that readjustment, specifically taking into account the needs of Veterans who served in combat theaters of operation.

On March 5, 2024, the agenda will include review of the 24th report, a calendar forecast and discussion over subject matter experts to consider presenting at the next full Committee meeting. The Committee will meet from 2:30 p.m.–3 p.m. EST, for public members wishing to provide oral comments or join the meeting, please use the following Microsoft Teams link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTgxZGM5OGQtYTJhZi00ZGRILTk3MjgtZTYzZTQ2YzEzZWEw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228aa

84165-5b4e-40e7-8e32-63a80c0bd33a%22%7d.

The Committee will also accept written comments from interested parties on issues outlined in the meeting agenda or other issues regarding the readjustment of Veterans. Parties should contact Mr. Richard Barbato via email at VHARCSStratAnalysis@va.gov, by mail at Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service (10RCS), 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420, or (202) 461–6525. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Mr. Barbato at the phone number or email addressed noted above.

Dated: February 20, 2024.

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Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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