

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 25,000.

Estimated Burden Hours Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Recordkeeping—51 min.

Learning about the law or the form—10 min.

Preparing the form—37 min.

Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS—32 min.

Frequency of response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 51,110 hours.

Clearance Officer: Glenn P. Kirkland, (202) 622-3428, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6411-03, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., (202) 395-7316, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Lois K. Holland,

Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0227]

Agency Information Collection: Emergency Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, 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 United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following emergency proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)(1)). An emergency clearance is being requested in response to the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) to adopt the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) as a national standard survey for inpatients.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans

Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030, FAX (202) 273-5981 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0227." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316 or FAX (202) 395-6974. Please refer to "2900-0227."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Nation-wide Customer Satisfaction Survey, VA Forms 10-21075a through c (NR), 10-1465-1, 10-1465-3, 10-0142B, and 10-5387.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0227.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) to adopt the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Plan Survey (HCAHPS) as a national standard survey for inpatients. VA proposes a three-part piloting of the HCAHPS survey instrument to better understand how this questionnaire (either alone or combined with all or part of VHA's current inpatient questionnaire) and the HCAHPS sampling methods work in the population of veteran inpatients. The purpose of these patient satisfaction surveys is to determine how to improve services, customer satisfaction with existing services and how or if customer satisfaction has changed in response to reengineering efforts. The survey results will be used as a tool for assessing and improving the quality of services being provided to patients.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 213,137 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 23 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 557,040.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

Loise Russell,

Director, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0317]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted 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 2, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., or e-mail denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317." Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0317" in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Request for Identifying Information Re: Veteran's Loan Records, VA Form Letter 26-626.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0317.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 26-626 is used to notify a correspondent that additional information is needed to determine if a veteran's loan guaranty benefits are involved, and if so, to obtain the necessary information to identify and associate the correspondence with the correct veteran's loan application or record. If such information is not received within one year from the date of such notification, no benefits may be paid or furnished by reason of such application.

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**