

*Abstract:* Health care providers for veterans in the private sector (non-VA providers) are requesting local VA medical centers to provide National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers for VA facilities and VA clinicians who have referred patients to them. NPI numbers are used by non VA providers to request reimbursement for medical care provided to veterans.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 3 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

Dated: September 21, 2007.

By direction of the Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0114]

### Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine the validity of a common law marriage.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before November 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of

Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0114" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, 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:* Statement of Marital Relationship, VA Form 21-4170.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0114.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-4170 is completed by individuals claiming to be common law widows/widowers of deceased veterans and by veterans and their claimed common law spouses to establish marital status. VA uses the information collected to determine whether a common law marriage was valid under the law of the place where the parties resided at the time of the marriage or under the law of the place where the parties resided when the right to benefits accrued.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,708 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held on October 16-17, 2007 in Pavillion B at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel San Diego, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego, California. On October 16 the session will convene at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m., and on October 17 the session will convene at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with an on-going assessment of the effectiveness of the policies, organizational structures, and services of the Department in assisting homeless veterans. The Committee shall assemble and review information relating to the needs of homeless veterans and provide advice on the most appropriate means of offering assistance to homeless veterans. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On October 16, 2007, the Committee will review the responses to the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans 2007 report and receive information and reports from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal departments.

On October 17, 2007 the Committee will continue to receive reports and begin preparation of its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary.

Those wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Peter Dougherty, Department of Veterans Affairs, at (202) 273-5764. No time will be allocated during the meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. However, the Committee will accept written comments from interested parties on issue affecting homeless veterans. Such comments should be referred to the Committee at the following address: Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans, Homeless Veterans Programs Office (075D), U.S. Department of