

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0061]

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

**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 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 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)). The reason for the emergency clearance request is that the ongoing survey is essential to VA's mission. Disruption of the collection of information will harm VBA's efforts to carry out VA's mission. OMB has been requested to act on this emergency clearance request by September 30, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 23, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT:** Denise McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0061."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Request for Supplies, VA Form 28-1905m.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0061.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

*Abstract:* The data collected is used to ascertain that the veteran needs the requested supplies, that the supplies are reasonable for the veteran's program,

and that the veteran does not already own the supplies.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Not-for-profit institutions, Business or other for-profit, Farms.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 60 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0061" in any correspondence.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Donald L. Neilson,**

*Director, Information Management Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee Notice of Meeting**

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, that a meeting of the Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311, October 7, 1999. The session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be for the purpose of reviewing the following two new proposals: Cost and Outcome of Varying Primary Care Revisit Intervals and Effects of Treatment of Sleep Apnea with Oxygen on Hospitalization and

Survival of Patients with Stable Heart Failure. The committee will also review the resubmission of two cooperative trials: A Randomized Prospective Comparison of Bilateral Subthalamic Nucleus Stimulation to a Staged Pallidal Procedure for Patients with Refractory Parkinson's Disease and Homocystinemia in Kidney and End Stage Renal Disease.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Chief of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details, including protection of human subjects.

The meeting will be open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to discuss the general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Dr. Ping Huang, Coordinator, Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, (202.273.8295) prior to October 1, 1999.

The meeting will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This portion of the meeting involves consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law. 92-463, as amended by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During the closed session of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will deal with qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, staff and consultant critiques of research protocols, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosures of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: September 8, 1999.

By Direction of the Secretary.

**Martin R. Eason,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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