

c. VA Form 10-0103 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for home improvement and structural alterations.

d. VA Form 10-1394 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for automotive adaptive equipment.

e. VA Form 10-2421 is used for the direct procurement of new prosthetic appliances and/or services. The form standardizes the direct procurement authorization process, eliminating the need for separate purchase orders, expedites patient treatment and improves the delivery of prosthetic services.

f. VA Form 10-2520 is used by the vendors as an invoice and billing document. The form standardizes repair/treatment invoices for prosthetic services rendered and standardizes the verification of these invoices. The veteran certifies that the repairs were necessary and satisfactory. This form is furnished to vendors upon request.

g. VA Form 10-2914 is used as a combination prescription, authorization and invoice. It allows veterans to purchase their eyeglasses directly. If the form is not used, the provisions of providing eyeglasses to eligible veterans may be delayed.

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**Affected Public:** Individuals or households and business or other for profit.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 48,522 hours.

- a. Form Letter 10-90—708.
- b. Form Letter 10-426—17.
- c. VA Form 10-0103—583.
- d. VA Form 10-1394—2,500.
- e. VA Form 10-2421—4,667.
- f. VA Form 10-2520—47.
- g. VA Form 10-2914—40,000.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:**

- a. Form Letter 10-90—5 minutes.
- b. Form Letter 10-426—1 minute.
- c. VA Form 10-0103—5 minutes.
- d. VA Form 10-1394—15 minutes.
- e. VA Form 10-2421—4 minutes.
- f. VA Form 10-2520—4 minutes.
- g. VA Form 10-2914—4 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 697,200.

- a. Form Letter 10-90—8,500.
- b. Form Letter 10-426—1,000.

- c. VA Form 10-0103—7,000.
- d. VA Form 10-1394—10,000.
- e. VA Form 10-2421—70,000.
- f. VA Form 10-2520—700.
- g. VA Form 10-2914—600,000.

Dated: September 1, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0260]

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**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. 3501-21), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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 October 15, 2004.

*For Further Information or a Copy of the Submission 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 to: [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0260."

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. 2900-0260" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Request for and Authorization to Release Medical Records or Health Information, VA Form 10-5345.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0260.

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

**Abstract:** VA Form 10-5345 is used to obtain prior written consent from a

patient before information concerning treatment for alcoholism or alcohol abuse, drug abuse, sickle cell anemia, or infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) can be disclosed from his or her medical record. This special consent must indicate the name of the facility permitted to make the disclosure, name of the individual or organization to whom the information is being released, specify the particular records or information to be released, and be under the signature of the veteran and dated. It must reflect the purpose the information is to be used, and include a statement that the consent is subject to revocation and the date, event or condition upon which the consent will expire if not revoked before.

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 on June 8, 2004, at page 32096.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for profit, Individuals or households.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 16,667 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 2 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 500,000.

Dated: September 1, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### 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. 3501-3521), 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; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 15, 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW." 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-NEW" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Annual Certification of Veteran Status and Veteran-Relatives, VA Form 20-0344.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-NEW.

*Type of Review:* New collection.

*Abstract:* VBA employees, non-VBA employees in VBA space and Veteran Service Organization employees who have access to VA's benefit records complete VA Form 20-0344. These individuals are required to provide personal identifying information for themselves and any veteran relatives, in order for VA to identify and protect those benefit records. VA uses the information to determine which benefit records require special handling to guard against fraud, conflict of interest, improper influence etc. by VA and non-VA employees.

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 on June 28, 2004, at page 36162.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 5,834 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14,000.

Dated: September 1, 2004.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Loise Russell,**

*Director, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0521]

### 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 October 15, 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](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0521." 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. 2900-0521" in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:*

a. Credit Underwriting Standards and Procedures for Processing VA Guaranteed Loans.

b. Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, VA Form 26-1820.

c. Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497.

d. Request for Verification of Deposit, VA Form 26-8497a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0521.

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

*Abstract:*

a. Credit Underwriting Standards and Procedures for Processing VA Guaranteed Loans—VA set forth, in regulatory form, standards to be used by lenders in underwriting VA-guaranteed loans and to obtain credit information. Lenders must collect certain specific information concerning the veteran and the veteran's credit history (and spouse or other co-borrower, as applicable), in

order to properly underwrite the veteran's loan. A loan may not be guaranteed unless the veteran is a satisfactory credit risk. VA requires the lender to provide the Department with the credit information to assure itself that applications for VA-guaranteed loans are underwritten in a reasonable and prudent manner.

b. VA Form 26-1820 is completed by lenders closing VA guaranteed and insured loans under the automatic or prior approval procedures. Lenders are required to submit with the form, a copy of the loan application (showing income, assets, and obligations) which the lender requires the borrower to execute when applying for the loan; original employment and income verifications obtained from the borrower's place of employment; original verification of assets; and original credit report.

c. VA Form 26-8497 is used by lenders to verify a loan applicant's income and employment information when making guaranteed and insured loans. VA, however, does not require the exclusive use of this form for verification purposes; any comprehensible form or independent verification would be acceptable, provided all information presently shown on VA Form 26-8497 is provided.

d. VA Form 26-8497a is primarily used by lenders making guaranteed and insured loans to verify the applicant's deposits in banks and other savings institutions.

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*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit and individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 162,500 hour.

a. Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, VA Form 26-1820—87,500 hours.

b. Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497—25,000 hours.

c. Request for Verification of Deposit, VA Form 26-8497a—12,500 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, VA Form 26-1820—15 minutes.

b. Request for Verification of Employment, VA Form 26-8497—10 minutes.