

policy statements for federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2018. Other factors, such as legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all identified priorities by May 1, 2018. Accordingly, the Commission may continue work on any or all identified priorities after that date or may decide not to pursue one or more identified priorities.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(g), the Commission intends to consider the issue of reducing costs of incarceration and overcapacity of prisons, to the extent it is relevant to any identified priority.

The Commission has identified the following priorities:

(1) Continuation of its multiyear examination of the structure of the guidelines post-*Booker* and consideration of legislative recommendations or guideline amendments to simplify the guidelines, while promoting proportionality and reducing sentencing disparities, and to account appropriately for the defendant's role, culpability, and relevant conduct.

(2) Continuation of its multiyear study of offenses involving synthetic cathinones (such as methylone, MDPV, and mephedrone) and synthetic cannabinoids (such as JWH-018 and AM-2201), as well as tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), fentanyl, and fentanyl analogues, and consideration of appropriate guideline amendments, including simplifying the determination of the most closely related substance under Application Note 6 of the Commentary to § 2D1.1.

(3) Continuation of its work with Congress and others to implement the recommendations of the Commission's 2016 report to Congress, *Career Offender Sentencing Enhancements*, including its recommendations to revise the career offender directive at 28 U.S.C. 994(h) to focus on offenders who have committed at least one "crime of violence" and to adopt a uniform definition of "crime of violence"

applicable to the guidelines and other recidivist statutory provisions.

(4) Continuation of its work with Congress and others to implement the recommendations of the Commission's 2011 report to Congress, *Mandatory Minimum Penalties in the Federal Criminal Justice System*—including its recommendations regarding the severity and scope of mandatory minimum penalties, consideration of expanding the "safety valve" at 18 U.S.C. 3553(f), and elimination of the mandatory "stacking" of penalties under 18 U.S.C. 924(c)—and preparation of a series of publications updating the data in the report.

(5) Continuation of its comprehensive, multiyear study of recidivism, including the circumstances that correlate with increased or reduced recidivism; consideration of developing recommendations to reduce incarceration costs and prison overcapacity, and to promote effective reentry programs; and consideration of appropriate guideline amendments, including revising Chapter Four and Chapter Five (A) to lower guideline ranges for "first offenders" and (B) to increase the availability of alternatives to incarceration for such offenders at the lower levels of the Sentencing Table.

(6) Implementation of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, Public Law 114-74, and other legislation warranting Commission action.

(7) Continuation of its study of the May 2016 Report of the Commission's Tribal Issues Advisory Group and consideration of appropriate guideline amendments, including (A) revising how tribal court convictions are addressed in Chapter Four and (B) providing a definition of "court protection order" that would apply throughout the guidelines.

(8) Continuation of its examination of Chapter Four, Part A (Criminal History) and consideration of amendments to revise how the guidelines (A) treat convictions for offenses committed prior to age eighteen; (B) treat revocations under § 4A1.2(k) when the original sentence would not otherwise receive criminal history points because it is outside the time periods in § 4A1.2(d)(2) and (e); and (C) account in § 4A1.3 for instances in which the time actually served was substantially less than the length of the sentence imposed for a conviction counted in the criminal history score.

(9) Continuation of its study of alternatives to incarceration, preparation of a publication on the development of alternative-to-incarceration programs in federal district courts, and consideration of

appropriate guideline amendments, including consolidating Zones B and C of the Sentencing Table in Chapter 5, Part A.

(10) Resolution of circuit conflicts as warranted, pursuant to the Commission's authority under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991).

(11) Consideration of other miscellaneous guideline application issues, including whether a defendant's denial of relevant conduct should be considered in determining whether the defendant has accepted responsibility for purposes of § 3E1.1.

**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

**William H. Pryor, Jr.,**  
*Acting Chair.*

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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 the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans will be held September 13–15, 2017. The meeting sessions will take place at the Harbor Homes, Inc. at 77 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062. Sessions are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting tours of VA facilities, participating in off-site events, and participating in workgroup sessions. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

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 VA in assisting Veterans at-risk and experiencing homelessness. The Committee shall assemble and review information related to the needs of homeless Veterans and provide advice on the most appropriate means of providing assistance to that subset of the Veteran population. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary regarding such activities.

On Wednesday, September 13, the Committee will convene an open session at the Harbor Homes, Inc., 77 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, NH 03062, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The agenda will include briefings from officials at VA and other agencies regarding services for homeless Veterans. From

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Committee will convene closed sessions, as it tours a Grant and Per Diem project at the Harbor Care Health and Wellness Center, 45 High Street, Nashua, NH 03062. These sessions are closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C Sec. 552b(c)(6). Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information.

The meeting sessions on Thursday, September 14 and Friday, September 15 are open to the public. On both days, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. On September 14, the meeting will end at 5:00 p.m.; and on September 15, the meeting will adjourn at 12:00 p.m. The agenda include briefings from officials at VA and other agencies. The Committee will also receive a briefing on the annual report that was developed after the last meeting of the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and will then discuss topics for its upcoming annual report and recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

No time will be allocated at this meeting for receiving oral presentations from the public. Interested parties should provide written comments on issues affecting homeless Veterans for review by the Committee to Mr. Anthony Love, Designated Federal Officer, VHA Homeless Programs Office (10NC1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 90 K. Street NE., Washington, DC, or via email at [Anthony.Love@va.gov](mailto:Anthony.Love@va.gov).

Members of the public who wish to attend should contact Charles Selby and/or Alexandra Logsdon of the Veterans Health Administration, Homeless Programs Office no later than August 30, 2017, at [Charles.Selby@va.gov](mailto:Charles.Selby@va.gov) (202) 632-8593 or [Alexandra.Logsdon@va.gov](mailto:Alexandra.Logsdon@va.gov) (202) 632-7146 to provide their name, professional affiliation, address, and phone number. There will also be a call-in number at 1-800-767-1750; Access Code: 53308#. Attendees who require reasonable accommodation should state so in their requests.

Date: August 17, 2017.

**Jelessa M. Burney,**

*Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0188]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Claim, Authorization & Invoice for Prosthetic Items & Services

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration, 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 the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before October 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Brian McCarthy, Veterans Health Administration, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov](mailto:Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0188" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

**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, VHA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA'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:** U.S.C. 3901-3904 and 1701(6).

**Title:** Claim, Authorization & Invoice for Prosthetic Items & Services.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0188.

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

**Abstract:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), through its Veterans Health Administration (VHA), administers medical services established by law. Title 38 U.S.C. Section 1701(6) includes prosthetic items within the scope of medical services. Title 38 U.S.C. Sections 3901, 3902, 3903, 3904, and 1162 authorize the Secretary to provide each person eligible for an automobile grant the adaptive equipment deemed necessary to insure that the person will be able to operate the automobile safely, in a manner consistent with the safety of others and to satisfy the applicable standards of licensure established by the state of residency.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:**

10-0103—583 hours.  
10-1394—1,000 hours.  
10-2421—67 hours.  
10-2520—47 hours.  
10-2914—3,333 hours.  
FL 10-90—708 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:**

10-0103—5 minutes.  
10-1394—15 minutes.  
10-2421—4 minutes.  
10-2520—4 minutes.  
10-2914—4 minutes.  
FL 10-90—5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**

10-0103—7,000.  
10-1394—4,000.  
10-2421—1,000.  
10-2520—700.  
10-2914—50,000.  
FL 10-90—8,500.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality and Compliance, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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