

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: General Release for Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Authorization and Consent To Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

**Title:** General Release for Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) (VA Form 21–4142) and Authorization and Consent to Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA Form 21–4142a).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–NEW.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Abstract:** VA Forms 21–4142 will be used to authorize the disclosure of information to the VA and 21–4142a will be used to gather the necessary

information to request medical provider information to the VA.

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 at 82 FR 125 on June 30, 2017, page 30004.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 11,033.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 132,400.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Decision Ready Claims (DRC) Exam Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit 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 it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov), or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email [cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov](mailto:cynthia.harvey-pryor@va.gov). Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” in any correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501–21.

**Title:** Decision Ready Claims (DRC) Exam Review (VA Form 21–0985).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900–NEW.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

**Abstract:** VA Form 21–0985 will be used to identify the condition(s) that a veteran would like VA to schedule a contract examination for in support of his/her Decision Ready Claim.

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 at 82 FR 142 on July 26, 2017, pages 34748.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 2,500.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 10,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0666]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Information Regarding Apportionment of Beneficiary's Award**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Benefits 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 December 4, 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 Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0666" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870.

**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, 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.

**Authority:** Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

**Title:** Information Regarding Apportionment of Beneficiary's Award (VA Form 21-0788).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0666.

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

**Abstract:** VA Form 21-0788 is used to collect the information that is necessary to determine whether an apportionment may be authorized and the reasonable amount that may be awarded. Without this collection of information, VA would be unable to properly authorize apportionments of compensation and pension benefits.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 12,500 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,**

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