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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting, contact Tewabe Asebe at (202) 366-5523, or tewabe.asebe@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Detail and Agenda

The committees will meet in a joint session to discuss a variety of topics to update committee members on both gas and liquid pipeline applicable safety program and policy issues, such as: Pipeline safety public awareness; reauthorization of the pipeline safety program; a regulatory agenda update; a discussion of safety management systems within the pipeline industry; an update on the Voluntary Information Sharing Working Group, and an update on pipeline safety's research and development program.

II. Committee Background

The GPAC and the LPAC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed gas pipeline and hazardous liquid pipeline safety standards, respectively, and their associated risk assessments. The committees are established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended) and 49 U.S.C. 60115. The committees consist of 15 members with membership evenly divided among federal and state governments, the regulated industry, and the general public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

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Alan K. Mayberry,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0872]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Expanded Access to Non-Va Care Through the MISSION Program: Establishing a Process for Certification, Discontinuance, and Disputes for Veterans Care Agreements (VCAs)

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 December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian McCarthy, 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. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0872" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 615-9241.

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

Title: Expanded Access to Non-Va Care Through the MISSION Program: Establishing a Process for Certification, Discontinuance, and Disputes for Veterans Care Agreements (VCAs).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0872.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 102 of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-182) authorizes VA to enter into Veterans Care Agreements (VCAs) to furnish required care and services when such care and services are not feasibly available to certain individuals through a VA facility, a contract, or a sharing agreement. VA seeks to establish a new collection to implement three requirements under section 102 of the MISSION Act:

a. Certification: Eligible entities and providers will be required to submit to VA information concerning relevant credentials, licenses, and other information as requested by VA to evaluate eligibility for certification. The information to be collected is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1703A(c).

b. Discontinuation: Eligible entities and providers would be required to submit to VA a written notice of intent to discontinue a Veterans Care Agreement prior to the date of such discontinuation. The information to be collected is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1703A(f)(1).

c. Disputes: Eligible entities and providers would be required to submit to VA written notices of dispute that contain specific information to allow VA to assess and resolve the matter in dispute. The information to be collected is authorized by 38 U.S.C. 1703A(h).

Certification

Affected Public: Private Sector.
Estimated Annual Burden: 1,263 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,152.

Discontinuance

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Estimated Annual Burden: 25 hours.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 10 minutes.
Frequency of Response: Once annually.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 152.

Disputes

Affected Public: Private Sector.
Estimated Annual Burden: 268 hours.
Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 20 minutes.
Frequency of Response: Once annually.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 803.

By direction of the Secretary.

Danny S. Green,

Interim VA Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA National Academic Affiliations Council, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the VA National Academic Affiliations Council (NAAC) will meet via conference call on December 11, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary on matters affecting partnerships between VA and its academic affiliates.

On December 11, 2019, the Council will receive updates from its Subcommittees and Work Groups: Diversity and Inclusion, Electronic Health Record Modernization, and Affiliation Partnership Councils; receive briefings on the status of VA MISSION Act educational sections; and discuss Graduate Medical Education expansion and other follow-up items. The Council will receive public comments from 2:40 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. EST.

Interested persons may attend and/or present oral statements to the Council. The dial in number to attend the conference call is: 1-800-767-1750. At the prompt, enter access code 12095 then press #. Individuals seeking to present oral statements are invited to submit a 1-2 page summary of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record. Oral presentations will be limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of participants. Interested

parties may also provide written comments for review by the Council prior to the meeting or at any time, via email to Larissa.Emory@va.gov, or by mail to Larissa A. Emory PMP, CBP, MS, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Academic Affiliations (10X1), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to participate or seeking additional information should contact Ms. Emory via email or by phone at (915) 269-0465.

Dated: October 18, 2019.

Jelessa M. Burney,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0160]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: State Home Programs for Veterans

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health 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 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through 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 oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900-0160” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danny S. Green, Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 421-1354 or email danny.green2@va.gov Please refer to

“OMB Control No. 2900-0160” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-21.

Title: State Home Programs for Veterans (VA Forms 10-5588, 10-5588A, and 10-10SH).

OMB Control Number: 2900-0160.

Type of Review: Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: Congress passed Public Law 115-159, the State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act of 2017, requiring VA to pay State homes for medical model adult day health care to certain eligible Veterans, and Title 38, CFR part 52, which provides for the payment of per diem to State homes that provide adult day health care to eligible Veterans. It also continues to provide for the payment of per diem to State homes that provide care to eligible Veterans in accordance with Title 38, CFR part 51. The intended effect of these provisions is to provide a safeguard that Veterans are receiving high quality care in State homes.

This information collection is necessary to ensure that VA per diem payments are limited to facilities providing high quality care. To verify this level of care, VA requires those facilities providing nursing home care, domiciliary, and adult day health care programs to Veterans to supply various kinds of information. The information required includes an application/eligibility for admission and justification for payment; records and reports which facility management must maintain regarding activities of payment for eligible residents or participants; and the records and reports that facilities management and health care professionals must maintain regarding the level of care approved for residents or participants.

This OMB Control Number previously included six additional forms, VA Forms 10-0460, 10-0143, 10-0143A, 10-0144, 10-0144A, and 10-3567, which have now been separated out into another information collection (to be approved under a separate OMB Control Number). This information collection, under OMB Control Number 2900-0160, now includes only three forms: VA Forms 10-5588, 10-5588A, and 10-10SH.

a. VA Form 10-5588: State Home Report and Statement of Federal Aid Claimed—38 CFR 51, 52 and Title 38, U.S.C., Sections 1741, 1742, 1743 and 1745—is used to assess and provide per diem to State homes. This collection is used by the State home employees and VA Staff.