

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0734.

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

**Abstract:** The forms will be used by VA personnel to document verbal information obtained telephonically from claimants or their beneficiary. The data collected will be used as part of the evidence needed to determine the claimant's or beneficiary's eligibility for benefits. 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.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 35,501.

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

**Frequency of Response:** One time.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0085]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals

**AGENCY:** Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Veterans' Appeals, 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 June 29, 2018.

**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 Sue Hamlin, BVA, (01C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to [sue.hamlin@va.gov](mailto:sue.hamlin@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0085" in

any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Hamlin at (202) 632-5100.

**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 of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, BVA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of BVA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of BVA'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 115-55; 38 U.S.C. 5104B, 5108, 5701, 5901, 7103, 7104, 7105, 7107.

**Title:**

- Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals, VA Form 9
- Services Withdrawal by Representative
- Requests for Change to Hearing Date
- Motions for Reconsideration

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0085.

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

**Abstract:** Appellate review of the denial of VA benefits may only be completed by filing a VA Form 9, "Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals." 38 U.S.C. 7105(a) and (d)(3). Additionally, the proposed information collections allow for withdrawal of services by a representative, requests for changes in hearing dates and methods under 38 U.S.C. 7107, and motions for reconsideration pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 7103(a).

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 59,770 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 61.196 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 58,602.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-Separation Transition Assistance Program (PSTAP) Assessment Survey

**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 May 30, 2018.

**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 [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 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:** Public Law 112-56, § 221-225, 125 Stat. 715-718.

**Title:** Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post-Separation Transition Assistance Program (PSTAP) Assessment Survey.

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

**Type of Review:** New Collection.

**Abstract:** The PSTAP Assessment Survey will be used by VA to assess how the TAP training for Transitioning Servicemembers (TSMs) prepares Veterans for civilian life. This new information collection request (ICR) will be conducted once per year and is designed as a longitudinal survey. In the first year of data collection, the survey will be fielded to all Veterans who meet the criteria at the time of fielding of having separated from the military at six months, one year, and three years prior to the date that surveys (first mailing will solicit electronic responses) will be mailed. Civilian life readiness will measure domains of a TSM's life including employment, entrepreneurship, mental/physical health, social relationships, financial situation, and housing. In addition, the survey will assess if TSMs understand and utilize their available VA benefits, and which TAP curriculum modules (tracks) are the most and least useful. 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 83 FR 34 on February 20, 2018, page 7300.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 4,210.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 18.5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annual.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 13,655.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,  
Department Clearance Officer, Office of  
Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of  
Veterans Affairs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0629]

### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Application for Extended Care Services

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 May 30, 2018.

**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. 2900-0629" in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk (OQPR), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 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. 2900-0629" in any correspondence.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 38 U.S.C. 1705, 1710B, 1722A, 1729.

**Title:** Application for Extended Care Services.

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0629.

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

**Abstract:** Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 17 authorizes VA to provide hospital care, medical services, domiciliary care and nursing home care to eligible Veterans. Title 38 U.S.C. 1705 requires VA to design, establish and operate a system of annual patient enrollment in accordance with a series of stipulated priorities. A consequence of this is that many groups of Veterans who are in a lower priority group (WWI Veterans, Veterans with disabilities rated as 0% service-connected seeking treatment for other than their service-connected conditions, Veterans exposed to a toxic substance, radiation, or environmental hazard and

nonservice-connected Veterans) may request that they be allowed to be income tested in order to gain a higher priority. Title 38 U.S.C. 1722 establishes eligibility assessment procedures for cost-free VA medical care, based on income levels, which will determine whether nonservice-connected and 0% service-connected non-compensable Veterans are able to defray the necessary expenses of care for nonservice-connected conditions. Title 38 U.S.C. 1722A establishes the eligibility assessment procedures, based on income levels, for determining Veterans' eligibility for cost-free medications and Title 38 U.S.C. 1710B defines the procedures for establishing eligibility for cost-free Extended Care benefits. Title 38 U.S.C. 1729 authorizes VA to recover from Veterans' health insurance carriers the cost of care furnished for their nonservice-connected conditions.

VA Form 10-10EC, Application for Extended Care Services, is used to collect financial information necessary to determine a Veteran's copayment obligation for extended care services, also known as long term care (LTC).

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 55490 on November 21, 2017, pages 55490-55491.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 3,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 90 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Annually.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 2,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia D. Harvey-Pryor,  
Department Clearance Officer, Office of  
Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of  
Veterans Affairs.

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