

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:* 38 U.S.C. 5307.

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0666.

*Type of Review:* Revision 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.

No substantive changes have been made to this form. The respondent burden has decreased due to the estimated number of receivables averaged over the past two years.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,606 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,211.

By direction of the Secretary.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0858]

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

**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 revision 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 May 17, 2021.

**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. 2900-0858" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 1717 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email [maribel.aponte@va.gov](mailto:maribel.aponte@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0858" in any correspondence.

**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:* 38 U.S.C. 5101(a)(1).

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

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0858.

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

*Abstract:* VA Form 21-4142 is used to authorize the disclosure of information to the VA and VA Form 21-4142a is used to gather the necessary information to request medical provider information to the VA. Without the information solicited by these forms, VA would be unable to determine eligibility, and benefits would not be properly paid.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 10,616.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 127,397.

By direction of the Secretary.

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