

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

Title: Application by Insured Terminally Ill Person for Accelerated Benefit, SGLV 8284.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0618.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA has amended regulations for the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) programs to add accelerated death benefit (Accelerated Benefit) provisions that permit terminally ill policyholders access to the death benefits of their policies before they die. Traditionally, an individual purchases life insurance in order to safeguard his or her dependents against major financial loss due to his or her death. Life insurance serves to replace the lost income of an insured and to provide for his or her final expenses. In recent years, the insurance industry has recognized the financial needs of terminally ill policyholders and has begun offering policies with accelerated benefit provisions. A recent statutory amendment (Section 302 of the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105–368, 112 Stat. 3315, 3332–3333) added section 1980 to Title 38, United States Code, which extends and accelerated benefit option to terminally ill persons insured in the SGLI and VGLI programs.

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Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 40 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 12 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

By direction of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0161]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Medical Expense Report

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 (VBA), 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: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0161.”

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1503; 38 CFR 3.262, 3.271 & 3.272.

Title: Medical Expense Report (VA Form 21P–8416).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0161.

Type of Review: Extension of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: A claimant's eligibility for needs-based pension programs are determined in part by countable family income and certain deductible expenses. When a claimant is awarded compensation by another entity or government agency based on personal injury or death, the compensation is usually countable income for VA purposes (38 CFR 3.262(i)). However, medical, legal or other expenses incident to the injury or death, or incident to the collection or recovery of compensation, may be deducted from the amount of the award or settlement (38 CFR 3.271(g) and 3.272(g)). In these situations, VBA uses VA Form 21P–8416 *Medical Expense Report*, to gather information that is necessary to determine eligibility for income-based benefits and the rate payable; without this information, determination of eligibility would not be possible. This is an extension only with no substantive changes. The burden remains the same.

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Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 30,000.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60,000.

By direction of the Secretary.

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