

Spouse income exclusion (38 CFR 3.262), \$6,013 (Pub. L. 95–588 sec. 306(a)(2)(B)).

**Old-Law Pension Income Limitations**

Veteran or surviving spouse without dependents or an entitled child, \$16,485 (Pub. L. 95–588 sec. 306(b)).

Veteran or surviving spouse with one or more dependents, \$23,757 (Pub. L. 95–588 sec. 306(b)).

**Parents' DIC**

DIC shall be paid monthly to parents of a deceased Veteran in the following amounts (38 U.S.C. 1315):

*One parent (38 U.S.C. 1315(b)):* If there is only one parent, the monthly rate of DIC paid to such parent shall be \$799, reduced on the basis of the parent's annual income according to the following formula:

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$0.00 but not more than \$800, the \$799 monthly rate shall not be reduced.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$800 but not more than \$10,725, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$10,725, the monthly rate will not be reduced.

No Parents' DIC is payable under this table if annual income exceeds \$18,824.

*One parent who has remarried:* If there is only one parent and the parent has remarried and is living with the parent's spouse, DIC shall be paid under 38 U.S.C. 1315(b) or under 38 U.S.C. 1315(d), whichever shall result in the greater benefit being paid to the Veteran's parent. In the case of remarriage, the total combined annual income of the parent and the parent's spouse shall be counted in determining the monthly rate of DIC.

*One of two parents not living with spouse (38 U.S.C. 1315(c)):* The rates below apply to (1) two parents who are not living together, or (2) an unmarried parent when both parents are living and the other parent has remarried. The monthly rate of DIC paid to each such parent shall be \$579 reduced on the basis of each parent's annual income, according to the following formula:

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$0 but not more than \$800, the \$579 monthly rate shall not be reduced.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$800 but not more than \$7,975, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$7,975, the monthly rate shall not be reduced.

No Parents' DIC is payable under this table if annual income exceeds \$18,824.

*One of two parents living with spouse or other parent (38 U.S.C. 1315(d)):* The rates below apply to each parent living with another parent; and each remarried parent, when both parents are alive. The monthly rate of DIC paid to such parents will be \$546 reduced on the basis of the combined annual income of the two parents living together or the remarried parent or parents and spouse or spouses, as computed under the following formula:

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$0 but not more than \$1,000, the \$546 monthly rate shall not be reduced.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,000 but not more than \$1,100, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,100 but not more than \$1,200, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,200 but not more than \$1,300, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,300 but not more than \$1,600, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,600 but not more than \$1,800, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$1,800 but not more than \$7,763, the monthly rate shall be reduced by \$0.08.

For each \$1 of annual income which is more than \$7,763, the monthly rate shall not be reduced.

No Parents' DIC is payable if the annual income exceeds \$25,303.

These rates are also applicable in the case of one surviving parent who has remarried, computed on the basis of the combined income of the parent and spouse, if this would be a greater benefit than that specified in the rates for 38 U.S.C. 1315(b) for one parent.

*Aid and attendance:* The monthly rate of DIC payable to a parent per the guidelines above shall be increased by \$434 if such parent is (1) a patient in a nursing home, or (2) helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

*Minimum rate:* The monthly rate of DIC payable to any parent shall not be less than \$5.

**Signing Authority**

Denise McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on November 18, 2024, and authorized the undersigned to sign

and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900–0896]

**Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: 35% Exemption Request From 85/15 Reporting Requirement**

**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:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments”, then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900–0896.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202–461–8900, [vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduct@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 35% Exemption Request From 85/15 Reporting Requirement, VA Form 22–10216.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900–0896, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

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

*Abstract:* As part of the benefits authorization process, 38 CFR 21.4201 places restrictions on enrollment based

on the percentage of students receiving financial support in any approved program. Except as otherwise provided by regulation, VA shall not approve an enrollment in any course for an eligible Veteran, not already enrolled, for any period during which more than 85 percent of the students enrolled in the course are having all or part of their tuition, fees or other charges paid for them by the educational institution or by VA under title 38 U.S.C., or under title 10 U.S.C. This is known as the 85/15 Rule and is applicable to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) and Non-College Degree postsecondary schools.

The requirements apply to all courses, not otherwise exempt, or waived, offered by all educational institutions, regardless of whether the institution is degree-granting, proprietary profit, proprietary nonprofit, eleemosynary, public and/or tax-supported. Schools are required to submit information necessary to determine if their programs of training are approved for the payment of VA educational assistance. This specified information is submitted either to VA or to the State Approving Agency (SAA) having jurisdiction over that school. This regulation includes a provision that permits an exemption from routine reporting of this data for schools that assert that the number of VA beneficiary students in all programs approved for GI Bill never exceeds 35% of the total enrollment at the educational institution. If approved, such non-accredited schools must still monitor and collect the data, but are exempt from routinely reporting it to VA. The VA uses data from this information collection to determine that non-receipt of the routine reporting of 85/15 data is authorized by non-accredited schools. Non-accredited schools with an approved exemption are required to provide the complete 85/15 data during regular, periodic compliance survey reviews by VA to ensure no more than 85% of students in any approved program are students in receipt of financial support from the educational institution or by VA under title 38 U.S.C., or under title 10 U.S.C. Without this information, VA might pay benefits in error.

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 89 FR 75059, September 13, 2024.

*Affected Public:* Educational Institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,411 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,822.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Maribel Aponte,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0764]

**Agency Information Collection Activity: Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients—Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration (VHA), 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:** Comments must be received on or before January 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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*VA PRA information:* Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

**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.

*Title:* Survey of Healthcare Experiences of Patients—Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS) (VA Form 10-10070).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0764. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch> (once at this link, you can enter the OMB Control Number to find the historical versions of this Information Collection).

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

*Abstract:* The mission of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is to provide high quality medical and dental care to eligible veterans. Executive Order 12862, dated September 11, 1993, calls for the establishment and implementation of customer service standards, and for agencies to "survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with current services." The overall purpose of the Dental Care Patient Satisfaction Survey (DPSS) is to systematically obtain information from patients, which can be used to identify problems or complaints that need attention and to improve the quality of dental health care services.

This information will be collected through the DPSS, VA Form 10-10070, and may be submitted either on paper or electronically by Veterans. The DPSS questions have minor changes, to include updates to the Race and Ethnicity data collection fields to reflect current requirements. VHA also is prepared to implement an additional mode of collecting the information utilizing a web-based access system for Veterans to submit the survey responses. Information obtained from this dental survey will be made readily available to VA Central Office (VACO), Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), VHA field staff, and stakeholders as part of the Network Performance Report and via the VA Intranet.