

Staff Bylaws of their VA medical facility.

**Note:** VA Rehabilitation Counselors meet CRCC certification eligibility criteria of a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling or a qualifying related mental health field with additional graduate-level core rehabilitation coursework and supervised experience. All Rehabilitation Counselors with CRCC certification can diagnose "Other Conditions That May Be a Focus of Clinical Attention" as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition (Z codes in the International Classification of Diseases 11th Revision).

#### 4. Justification

a. VA Rehabilitation Counselors who only maintain a CRCC certification are restricted from diagnosing mental health disorders because VA has licensed mental health personnel with the specific education, training, and expertise that VA would rely on to diagnose. VA Rehabilitation Counselors who possess a CRCC certification, hold a state license in a mental health field (e.g., Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Independent Social Worker, Licensed Psychologist), and qualify as a licensed provider based on the medical facility bylaws will be permitted to diagnose mental health disorders because their education, training, and expertise provides the necessary competency to diagnose.

#### Request for Information

1. Is VA's assessment of what the state and CRCC certification permits, and prohibits, accurately represented?
2. Are there any other areas of variance of any state license, certification, registration or other requirement that VA should preempt that are not listed?
3. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about this VA national standard of practice?

#### Signing Authority

Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on December 6, 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. 2900-0020]

#### Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Designation of Beneficiary—Government Life Insurance and Supplemental Designation of Beneficiary—Government Life Insurance

**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 and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 29, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection, please type the following link into your browser: [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. 2900-0020."

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Designation of Beneficiary—Government Life Insurance and Supplemental Designation of Beneficiary—Government Life Insurance (VA Forms 29-336 and 29-336a).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0020  
<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

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

**Abstract:** These forms are used by the insured to designate beneficiaries and select an optional settlement to be used when the insurance matures by death. The information is required to determine the claimant's eligibility to receive the proceeds. The information on the form is required by law, 38 U.S.C. 1917, 1949 and 1952.

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 85009, October 24, 2024.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 13,917 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 10 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.  
**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 83,500.

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

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*Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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