

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

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[OMB Control No. 2900-0764]

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

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 (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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 February 27, 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, select “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments,” then search the list for the information collection by Title or “OMB Control No. 2900-0764.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: VA PRA information: Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, vacpaperworkreduact@va.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

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<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAsearch>.

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. This data will be used to demonstrate that VA is providing timely, high quality dental health care services to patients and to measure improvement toward performance goals.

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 92740, November 22, 2024.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 12,600 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,400.

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Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board; Federal Register Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that a meeting of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service (RR&D) Scientific Merit Review Board (hereinafter, “the Board”) will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, via Webex from 1-1:30 p.m. EST. The meeting will be partially closed to the public, with an open portion from 1-1:10. The closed portion, from 1:10-1:30, will be used for discussion, examination of and reference to the research applications and scientific review. Discussions will involve reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will also cover the scientific merit of each proposal and the qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly obstruct implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by Public Law 92-463 subsection 10(d), and amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The objective of the Board is to provide for the fair and equitable selection of the most meritorious research projects for support by VA research funds and to offer advice for research program officials on program priorities and policies. The ultimate objective of the Board is to ensure that the VA RR&D program promotes functional independence and improves the quality of life for impaired and disabled Veterans.

Board members will advise the Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer for Investigators, Scientific Review and Management (ISR) and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, mission relevance and protection of human and animal subjects of the proposals submitted to RR&D. The Board does not consider grants, contracts or other forms of extramural research.

Members of the public may attend the open portion of the meeting via Webex, from 1-1:10 p.m., in listen-only mode, as the time-limited open agenda does