

**Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration**

**VA Health Professional Scholarship Programs**

Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) and Visual  
Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program (VIOMPSP)

**Agency Information Collection Activity:**

VA Health Professional Scholarship Programs (HPSP AND VIOMPSP) - OMB Control  
No. 2900-0793.

VA received one public comment on July 14, 2026, in response to the 60-Day Federal  
Register Notice (VA-2026-VACO-0001-0181, FR Doc No: 2026-09777).

**VA-2026-VACO-0001-0244** – We appreciate the commentor’s concerns-suggestions, and  
VA responds as follows:

- The commenter asserts that veterans should be rated on the underlying severity  
of their service-connected disabilities and not how well medication or treatment  
may temporarily mask symptoms. The commenter states, “Many treatments  
reduce symptoms without curing the condition and often come with side effects,  
costs, and lifelong dependence. Reducing ratings because treatment is effective  
would unfairly penalize veterans for following medical advice and could  
discourage treatment.”
  - *This comment is directed at veterans’ disability ratings and changes to  
disability ratings following medical treatment. It is not related to this  
information collection, which awards VA health professional scholarships to  
eligible applicants.*
  - *Accordingly, VA will not make changes to the information collection based  
upon this comment.*

VA Health Professional Scholarship Programs (HPSP AND VIOMPSP) appreciates the  
opportunity to review and respond to this public comment. As noted above, we will make  
no changes to the information collection at this time based upon the comment.

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