



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) Benefits - Application, Claim, Other Health Insurance & Potential Liability)

Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) 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 revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to identify areas for improvement in clinical training programs.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Brian

McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0219" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian McCarthy at (202) 461-6345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 - 3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from 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.

Titles:

1. VA Form 10-10d, Application for CHAMPVA Benefits

2. VA Form 10-7959a, CHAMPVA Claim Form
3. VA Form 10-7959c, CHAMPVA Other Health Insurance (OHI) Certification
4. VA Form 10-7959d, CHAMPVA Potential Liability Claim
5. VA Form 10-7959e, VA Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses
6. Payment (beneficially claims)
7. Review and Appeal Process

OMB Control Number: 2900-0219.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstracts:

1. VA Form 10-10d, Application for CHAMPVA Benefits, is used to determine eligibility of persons applying for healthcare benefits under the CHAMPVA program in accordance with 38 U.S.C. sections 501 and 1781.
2. VA Form 10-7959a, CHAMPVA Claim Form, is used to adjudicate claims for CHAMPVA benefits in accordance with 38 U.S.C. sections 501 and 1781, and 10 U.S.C. sections 1079 and 1086. This information is required for accurate adjudication and processing of beneficiary submitted claims. The claim form is also instrumental in the detection and prosecution of fraud. In addition, the claim form is the only mechanism to obtain, on an interim basis, other health insurance (OHI) information.
3. Except for Medicaid and health insurance policies that are purchased exclusively for the purpose of supplementing CHAMPVA benefits, CHAMPVA is always the secondary payer of healthcare benefits (38 U.S.C. sections 501 and 1781, and 10 U.S.C. section 1086). VA Form 10-7959c, CHAMPVA - Other Health Insurance (OHI) Certification, is used to systematically obtain OHI information and to correctly coordinate benefits among all liable parties.
4. The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 2651-2653), mandates recovery of costs associated with healthcare services related to an injury/illness caused by a third party. VA Form 10-7959d, CHAMPVA Potential Liability Claim, provides basic information from which potential liability can be assessed. Additional authority includes 38 U.S.C. section 501; 38 CFR 1.900 et seq.; 10 U.S.C. sections 1079 and 1086; 42 U.S.C. sections 2651-2653; and Executive Order 9397.

5. VA Form 10-7959e, VA Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses, information collection is needed to carry out the health care programs for certain children of Korea and/or Vietnam veterans authorized under 38 U.S.C., chapter 18, as amended by section 401, P.L. 106-419 and section 102, P.L. 108-183. VA's medical regulations 38 CFR part 17 (17.900 through 17.905) establish regulations regarding provision of health care for certain children of Korea and Vietnam veterans and women Vietnam veterans' children born with spina bifida and certain other covered birth defects. These regulations also specify the information to be included in requests for preauthorization and claims from approved health care providers.
6. Payment of Claims for Provision of Health Care for Certain Children of Korea and/or Vietnam Veterans (includes provider billing and VA Forms 10-7959e). This data collection is for the purpose of claiming payment/reimbursement of expenses related to spina bifida and certain covered birth defects. Beneficiaries utilize VA Form 10-7959e, VA Claim for Miscellaneous Expenses. Providers utilize provider generated billing statements and standard billing forms such as: Uniform Billing-Forms UB-04, and CMS 1500, Medicare Health Insurance Claims Form. VA would be unable to determine the correct amount to reimburse providers for their services or beneficiaries for covered expenses without the requested information. The information is instrumental in the timely and accurate processing of provider and beneficiary claims for reimbursement. The frequency of submissions is not determined by VA, but will be determined by the provider or claimant and will be based on the volume of medical services and supplies provided to patients and claims for reimbursement are submitted individually or in batches.
7. Review and Appeal Process Regarding Provision of Health Care or Payment Relating to Provision of Health Care for Certain Children of Korea and/or Vietnam Veterans. The provisions of 38 CFR 17.904 establish a review process regarding disagreements by an eligible veteran's child or representative with a determination concerning provision of health care or a health care provider's disagreement with a determination regarding payment. The person or entity requesting reconsideration of such determination is required to submit such a request to the Chief Business Office Purchased Care (CBOPC) (Attention: Chief, Customer Service), in writing within one year of the date of initial determination. The request must state why the decision is in error and include any new and relevant information not previously considered. After reviewing the matter, a Customer Service Advisor issues a written determination to the person or entity seeking reconsideration. If such person or entity remains dissatisfied with the determination, the person or entity is permitted to submit within 90 days of the date of the decision a written request for review by the Director, CBOPC.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

1. VA Form 10-10d – 4,411 hours.
2. VA Form 10-7959a – 37,336 hours.
3. VA Form 10-7959c – 13,456 hours.
4. VA Form 10-7959d – 467 hours.
5. VA Form 10-7959e – 200 hours.
6. Payment (beneficially claims) – 500 hours.
7. Review and Appeal Process – 200 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

1. VA Form 10-10d – 10 minutes.
2. VA Form 10-7959a – 10 minutes.
3. VA Form 10-7959c – 10 minutes.
4. VA Form 10-7959d – 7 minutes.
5. VA Form 10-7959e – 15 minutes.
6. Payment (beneficially claims) – 10 minutes.
7. Review and Appeal Process – 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Annual Responses:

1. VA Form 10-10d – 26,468.
2. VA Form 10-7959a – 224,018.
3. VA Form 10-7959c – 80,733.
4. VA Form 10-7959d – 4,000.
5. VA Form 10-7959e – 800.

6. Payment (beneficially claims) – 3,000.

7. Review and Appeal Process – 600.

By direction of the Secretary:

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