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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-HA-0094]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24 Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Health Agency, TRICARE Health Plan (J-10), Attn: Mr. Mark Ellis, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042 or call (703)-681-0039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Continued Health Care Benefit Program, DD Form 2837; OMB Control Number 0720-XXXX (formerly 0704-0364).

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for individuals to apply for enrollment in the continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). The CHCBP is a program of temporary health care benefit coverage that is made available to eligible individuals who lose health care coverage under the Military health System (MHS).

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Annual Burden Hours: 369.

Number of Respondents: 1,475.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,475.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents are individuals who are or were beneficiaries of the Military Health System (MHS) and who desire to enroll in the CHCBP following their loss of entitlement to health care coverage in the MHS. These beneficiaries include the active duty service member or former service member (who, for purposes of this notice shall be referred to as “service member”), an unmarried former spouse of a service member, an unmarried child of a service member who ceases to meet requirements for being considered a dependent, and a child placed for adoption or legal custody with the service member. In order to be eligible for health care coverage under CHCBP, an individual must first enroll in CHCBP. DD Form is used as the information collection instrument for that enrollment. The CHCBP is a legislatively mandated program and it is anticipated that the program will continue indefinitely.

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