DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds: Termination—Amwest Surety Insurance Company

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is Supplement No. 16 to the Treasury Department Circular 570; 2000 Revision, published June 30, 2000 at 65 FR 40868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Surety Bond Branch at (202) 874–6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Certificate of Authority issued by the Treasury to the above named Company, under the United States Code, Title 31, Sections 9304–9308, to qualify as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds is terminated effective today.

The Company was last listed as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds at 65 FR 40873, June 30, 2000.

With respect to any bonds, including continuous bonds, currently in force with above listed Company, bond-approving officers should secure new bonds with acceptable sureties in those instances where a significant amount of liability remains outstanding. In addition, in no event, should bonds that are continuous in nature be renewed.

The Circular may be viewed and downloaded through the Internet at http://www.fms.treas.gov/c570/index.html. A hard copy may be purchased from the Government Printing Office (GPO), Subscription Service, Washington, DC, telephone (202) 512–1800. When ordering the Circular from GPO, use the following stock number: 048–000–00536–5.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Management Service, Financial Accounting and Services Division, Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Room 6A04, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Dated: May 23, 2001.

Judith R. Tillman,

Assistant Commissioner, Financial Operations, Financial Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0188]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; 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 extension 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 determine eligibility, prescribe and authorize prosthetic devices, glasses, claims for reimbursement for adaptation of living quarters and automotive equipment.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before July 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Ann Bickoff, Veterans Health Administration (193B1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail *ann.bickoff@mail.va.gov.* Please refer to ''OMB Control No. 2900–0188'' in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Bickoff at (202) 273–8310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C., 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (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

a. Request to Submit Estimate, Form Letter 10–90.

b. Loan Follow-up Letter, Form Letter 10–426.

c. Veterans Application for Assistance in Acquiring Home Improvement and Structural Alterations, VA Form 10–0103.

d. Application for Adaptive Equipment Motor Vehicle, VA Form 10–1394.

e. Prosthetic Authorization for Items or Services, VA Form 10–2421.

f. Prosthetic Service Card Invoice, VA Form 10–2520.

g. Prescription and Authorization for Eyeglasses, VA Form 10–2914.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0188.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. Form Letter 10–90 is prepared by the VHA and issued to a contractor of the veteran's choice in order to solicit a price quote for a prosthetic device.

b. Form Letter 10–426 is used to inventory prosthetic devices loaned to eligible veterans. The form letter inventories the loaned items and solicits information from the beneficiary to determine the current status, the need to replace, extend the loan period or terminate the loaned items.

c. VA Form 10–0103 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for home improvement and structural alterations.

d. VA Form 10–1394 is used to determine eligibility/entitlement and reimbursement of individual claims for automotive adaptive equipment.

e. VA Form 10–2421 is used for the direct procurement of new prosthetic appliances and/or services and standardizes the direct procurement authorization process. The form eliminates the need for separate purchase orders, expedites patient treatment and improves the delivery of prosthetic services.

f. VA Form 10–2520 is used by the commercial vendors after completing repairs authorized for veterans by their Prosthetic Service Card to request payment by VA. The form standardizes repair/treatment invoices for prosthetic services rendered and standardizes the verification of these invoices. The veteran certifies that the repairs were necessary and satisfactory. This form is furnished to vendors upon request.

g. VA Form 10–2914 is used as a combination prescription, authorization and invoice. It allows veterans to purchase their eyeglasses directly. If the form is not used, the provisions of providing eyeglasses to eligible veterans may be delayed.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit and Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 37,079 hours.

a. Form Letter 10–90—1,875.
b. Form Letter 10–426—242.
c. VA Form 10–0103—583.
d. VA Form 10–1394—2,711.
e. VA Form 10–2421—16,667.
f. VA Form 10–2520—3,334.
g. VA Form 10–2914—11,667.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Form Letter 10–90—5 minutes.
b. Form Letter 10–426—1 minute.
c. VA Form 10–0103—5 minutes.
d. VA Form 10–1394—15 minutes.
e. VA Form 10–2421—4 minutes.
f. VA Form 10–2520—5 minutes.
g. VA Form 10–2914—4 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 519,844.

a. Form Letter 10–90—22,500.
b. Form Letter 10–426—14,500.
c. VA Form 10–0103—7,000.
d. VA Form 10–1394—10,844
e. VA Form 10–2421—250,000.
f. VA Form 10–2520—40,000.
g. VA Form 10–2914—175,000.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

ACTION: Report of New System of Records—Program Evaluation Research Data Records—VA.

SUMMARY: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552(e)(4)) requires that all agencies publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of the existence and character of their systems of records. Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs is establishing a system of records entitled ''Program Evaluation Research Data Management Records—VA'' (107VA008B). VA is establishing the system to support data collection, storage and analysis to conduct agency program evaluations undertaken under the authority of 38 U.S.C. 527 as described in 38 CFR Section 1.15.

DATES: Comments on the establishment of this system of records must be received no later than July 2, 2001. If no public comment is received, the new system will become effective July 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Comments will be available for public inspection at the above address in the Office of Regulation Management, Room 1158, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. H. Raymond Wilburn, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273–7509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The purpose of the system of records is to provide a repository for the individually identified and retrieved data about VA beneficiaries, including veterans, survivors, dependents, service persons, and reservists, and individuals eligible for VA benefits to perform program evaluations as described in 38 CFR 1.15. Within VA, most program evaluations are conducted through contracts to enhance third-party objectivity; thus, much of the data collected is through the research activities of contractors. The records include information provided by program beneficiaries, persons eligible for but not using VA programs, VA program files from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA), and other organizations within VA, relevant data published by other Federal agencies, and information obtained in the course of routine work. Quality assurance information that is protected by 38 U.S.C. 5705 and 38 CFR 17.500–17.511 is not included in this system of records.

It is VA's policy that the data and information collected be used to evaluate the various programs within the Department. Data and information may also be used for longitudinal research purposes and follow-up to evaluate the long-term effects of program usage, although VA currently has no plans to do so.

This data and information may also be disclosed to:

1. The appropriate Federal, State, local, or foreign agency charged with the responsibility of investigating violations of civil or criminal law or regulations arising by statute, regulation, rule, or order;

2. A Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry;

3. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in records management inspections;

4. The Department of Justice and United States attorneys in defense or prosecution of litigation involving the United States;

5. A Federal department or agency; or

6. Directly to a contractor or subcontractor of a Federal department or agency for the purpose of conducting research. When disclosure of this data or information is made directly to a contractor, VA may impose applicable conditions on the department, agency, and/or contractor to insure the appropriateness of the disclosure to the contractor.

The notice of intent to publish and an advance copy of the system notice have been sent to the appropriate Congressional committees and to the Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) (Privacy Act) and guidelines issued by OMB (65 FR 77677), December 12, 2000.

Approved: May 15, 2001.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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SYSTEM NAME:

Program Evaluation Research Data Records—VA

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Records are maintained at VA Central Office, Office of Policy and Planning (008B), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, and in the custody of contractors or subcontractors of VA.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The records include information concerning program beneficiaries, individuals eligible for benefits, applicants for benefits, and members of their immediate families.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The records may include information related to:

1. Medical (such as diagnoses, prescriptions, and patient visits) and non-medical benefits program usage records and reports of contact about program benefits usage with individuals or groups.

2. Data on beneficiary, eligible, and applicant demographics, including