SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks to extend PRA authority for the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Administrative Hearing Procedures information collection requirements codified in regulations 29 CFR 2571.3. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) section 521 provides that the Secretary of Labor may issue ex parte cease and desist orders when it appears to the Secretary that the alleged conduct of a MEWA under ERISA section 3(40) is fraudulent or creates an immediate danger to the public safety or welfare or is causing or can reasonably be expected to cause significant, imminent, and irreparable public injury. See 29 U.S.C. 1151, 2002(40). ERISA section 521(b) provides that a person who is adversely affected by the issuance of a cease and desist order may request an administrative hearing regarding the order. See 29 U.S.C. 1151(b). The regulatory provision that is the subject of this ICR describes the procedures before an ALJ when a person seeks an administrative hearing for review of such an order.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1210–0148.

OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal, and the DOL seeks to extend PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) more years, without any change to existing requirements. The DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on November 23, 2015 (80 FR 72991).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice in the Federal Register. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1210–0148. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL–EBSA.
Title of Collection: Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement Administrative Law Judge Administrative Hearing Procedures.
OMB Control Number: 1210–0148.
Affected Public: Private Sector—businesses or other for-profits.
Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.
Total Estimated Number of Responses: 10.
Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 20 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $595,700.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Calendar Year (CY) 2015 Cost of Outpatient Medical, Dental, and Cosmetic Surgery Services Furnished by Department of Defense Medical Treatment Facilities; Certain Rates Regarding Recovery From Tortiously Liable Third Persons

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: By virtue of the authority vested in the President by section 2(a) of Public Law 87–603 (76 Stat. 593; 42 U.S.C. 2652), and delegated to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by the President through Executive Order No. 11541 of July 1, 1970, the rates referenced below are hereby established. These rates are for use in connection with the recovery from tortiously liable third persons for the cost of outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services furnished by military treatment facilities through the Department of Defense. They are the same rates as the outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery services reimbursement rates that were set on July 1, 2015 for billing medical insurers, but require a different approval authority for the purpose of billing for tort liability. The rates were established in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A–25, requiring reimbursement of the full cost of all services provided. The CY 2015 outpatient medical, dental and cosmetic surgery rates referenced are effective upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register and will remain in effect until further notice. Previously published inpatient rates remain in effect until further notice. Pharmacy rates are updated periodically. A full disclosure of the rates is posted at Health.mil Web site in the Defense Health Agency Uniform Business Office section (http://health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Business-Support/Uniform-Business-Office).

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