DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0556]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through www.Regulations.gov, or to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: VA Desk Officer; 725 17th St. NW., Washington, DC 20503 or sent through electronic mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0556” in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Enterprise Records Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–5870 or email cynthia.harvey- pryor@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0556” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 7331.

Title: Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care; VA Form 10–0137

OMB Control Number: 2900–0556.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 10–0137, VA Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and Living Will, is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognized legal document that permits VA patients to designate a health care agent and/or specify preferences for future health care. The VA Advance Directive is invoked if a patient becomes unable to make health care decisions for him or herself. Use of the VA Advance Directive is specified in VHA Handbook 1004.02, Advance Care Planning and Management of Advance Directives. Veterans’ rights to designate a health care agent and specify health care preferences in advance are codified in 38 CFR 17.32. This regulation also obligates VA to recognize advance directives and to use the information contained therein when health care decisions must be made for a patient that has lost decision making capacity. Use of advance directives is a well-established standard within clinical practice in the U.S. Offering the opportunity to complete an advance directive and the requirement to honor such documents is supported by Joint Commission standards and the Patient Self Determination Act of 1990 (applicable to Medicare providers.) Use of advance directives is also consistent with the health care ethics standard that patients have autonomy in health care decision making and have a right to control what is done to them in a medical setting.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Federal Register Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 82 FR 151 on August 8, 2017, page 37167.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 171,811 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 343,622.

By direction of the Secretary, Cynthia Harvey-Pryor, Department Clearance Officer, Office of Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of Veterans Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activity: VA Disaster Resilience Survey of Community Dwelling Veterans

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), 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.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before December 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW” 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, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor.

With respect to the following collection of information, VA 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.

Authority: Pursuant to Section
3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

Title: VA Disaster Resilience Survey
of Community Dwelling Veterans; VA
Form 10–21086(NR).

OMB Control Number: 2900–NEW.

Type of Review: New information
collection request.

Abstract: The proposed study is being
conducted by the Veterans Emergency
Management Evaluation Center
(VEMEC) of the U.S. Department of
Veterans Affairs. The mission of VEMEC
is to promote the health and social
welfare of America’s Veterans and the
Nation by initiating and coordinating
projects aimed at developing evidence-
based practices for use in mitigating
against, preparing for, responding to,
and recovering from national
emergencies and natural disasters. In so
doing, VEMEC helps to ensure timely
access to high-quality health care for our
nation’s veterans.

The proposed study will be a one-
time study of all VA patients in the
United States. We will survey a sample
of Veterans who at the time of fielding
received care from any VA healthcare
system in the U.S. at least once in the
past 24 months. Health status,
socioeconomic status, and other factors
can impact a Veteran’s resiliency/
system in the U.S. at least once in the

estimated number of respondents: 5870.

Estimated Annual Burden: 905 hours.
Estimated Average Burden Per
Respondent: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,800.
Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,620.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of
Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of
Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
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[OMB Control No. 2900–0390]

Agency Information Collection
Activity: Application of Surviving
Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Veteran’s Benefits
Administration (VBA), Department of
Veterans Affairs (VA), 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.

DATES: Written comments and
recommendations on the proposed
collection of information should be
received on or before December 18,
2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments
on the collection of information through
Federal Docket Management System
(FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to
Dawn Johnson, Veterans Benefits
Administration, Department of Veterans
Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW.,
Washington, DC 20420 or email to
Dawn.johnson7@va.gov. Please refer to
“OMB Control No. 2900–0390” in any
correspondence. During the comment
period, comments may be viewed online
through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461–
5870.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the
PRA of 1995, 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, VBA invites
comments on: (1) Whether the proposed
collection of information is necessary
for the proper performance of VBA’s
functions, including whether the
information will have practical utility;
(2) the accuracy of VBA’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.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 402, E.O. 12436,
Public Law 97–377 Section 156.

Title: Application of Surviving
Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits (VA
Form 21P–8924).

OMB Control Number: 2900–0390.

Type of Review: Extension without
change of a currently approved

Abstract: Restored Entitlement
Program for Survivors (REPS) benefits are
payable to certain surviving spouses
and children of veterans who died in
service prior to August 13, 1981 or who
died as a result of a service-connected
disability incurred or aggravated prior to
August 13, 1981. Child beneficiaries
over age 18 and under age 23 must be
enrolled full-time in an approved post-
secondary school.

Executive Order 12436 “Payment of
Certain Benefits to Survivors of Persons
Who Died In or As A Result of Military
Service” (found at 42 U.S.C. 402 (Note))
directs VA administer the provisions of
Public Law 97–377 Section 156. VA
codified this authority at 38 CFR 3.812.

VBA uses VA Form 21P–8924 to
evaluate the eligibility of surviving
spouses and children to REPS benefits,
including information regarding the
current relationship of a survivor to the
veteran, employment status, and earnings.
Based on the information contained in the
form, VBA makes decisions to grant,
deny, or amend existing, benefits
payments.

The VA Form number is being
changed to “21P–8924” to reflect
Pension and Fiduciary Service’s
responsible for the form.

Affected Public: Individuals and
households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 600 hours.
Estimated Average Burden per
Respondent: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,800.
Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
1,800.

By direction of the Secretary.

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,
Department Clearance Officer, Office of
Quality, Privacy and Risk, Department of
Veterans Affairs.

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