DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Information Collections Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs. **ACTION:** None.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has submitted to OMB the following proposals for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This document lists the type of information collection and the following: (1) The title of the information collection, and the Department form number(s), if applicable; (2) a description of the need and its use; (3) who will be required or asked to respond; (4) an estimate of the total annual reporting hours, and recordkeeping burden, if applicable; (5) the estimated average burden hours per respondent; (6) the frequency of response; and (7) an estimated number of respondents.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed information collections and supporting documents may be obtained from Trish Fineran, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273–6886.

Comments and questions about the items on the list should be directed to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Joseph Lackey, NEOB, Room 10102, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395–7316. Do not send requests for benefits to this address.

DATES: Comments on the information collections should be directed to the OMB Desk Officer on or before June 1, 1995.

Dated: April 24, 1995.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

Extension

- 1. Application for Reimbursement from Accrued Amounts Due a Deceased Beneficiary, VA form 21–601.
- 2. The form is used to file a claim for accrued benefits available at the time of the veteran's death. The information is used by Veterans Benefits Administration to determine the appropriate claimant eligible for accrued benefits.
 - 3. Individuals or households.
 - 4. 1,875 hours.
 - 5. 30 minutes.
 - 6. On occasion.
 - 7. 3,750 respondents.

Extension

- 1. Report and Certification of Loan Disbursement, VA Form 26–1820.
- 2. This form is completed by lenders closing VA loans under the automatic or prior approval procedure subsequent to issuance of guaranty.
 - 3. Individuals or households.
 - 4. 150,000 hours.
 - 5. 30 minutes.
 - 6. On occasion.
 - 7. 300,000 respondents.

Reinstatement

- 1. Application for Conversion, VA Form 29–0152.
- 2. The form is used by the insured to apply for conversion of a term policy to a permanent plan of insurance. The information is used by Veterans Benefits Administration to initiate the processing of the insured's request to convert his/her term insurance.
 - 3. Individuals or households.
 - 4. 1,125 hours.
 - 5. 15 minutes.
 - 6. On occasion.
 - 7. 4,500 respondents.

Reinstatement

- 1. Designation of Beneficiary, VA Form 29–336.
- 2. The form is used by the insured to designate a beneficiary and select an optional settlement to be used when the insurance matures by death. The information is requested to determine the claimants eligibility to receive the proceeds.
 - 3. Individuals or households.
 - 4. 13,917 hours.
 - 5. 10 minutes.
 - 6. On occasion.
 - 7. 83,500 respondents.

Reinstatement

- 1. Application of Surviving Spouse or Child for REPS Benefits (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors), VA Form 21–8924.
- 2. The form is used by dependents of deceased veterans for the sole purpose of making a claim for REPS benefits. The information is used by Veterans Benefits Administration to determine whether the claimant is eligible for REPS benefits.
 - 3. Individuals or households.
 - 4. 2,500 hours.
 - 5. 20 minutes.
 - 6. On occasion.
 - 7. 7,000 respondents.

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Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Matching Programs

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of renewal—VA/IRS Match Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), intends to renew the computer matching program comparing Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) income records with VA patient income data which is contained in the patient medical records.

The goal of these matches is to compare income, social security number, and employment status as reported to VHA with income records maintained by IRS and SSA. For the information of all concerned, a summary report of the VHA matching program describing the computer matches follows. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(o)(2), copies of the computer matching report are being sent to both houses of Congress. These matches are expected to commence on or about May 1, 1995, but start no sooner than 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, or 40 days after copies of this notice and the agreement are submitted to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget. These matches may be extended by the involved Data Integrity Boards for a twelve month period provided all agencies involved certify to the Data Integrity Boards, within three months of the termination date of the original match, that the matching program will be conducted without change and the matching programs have been conducted in compliance with the original matching agreements. The matches will not continue past the legislative authorized date to obtain this information. However, expiration of this agreement is December 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals may comment on the matches by writing to the Associate Chief Medical Director for Administration (161D), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice E. Wheeler (202) 273–6276, Program Analyst, Income Verification Match Policy Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Further information regarding the matching program is provided below. This information is required by Title 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(12), the Privacy Act of 1974, as