

meeting is concerned with information that is exempt from disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A). The public interest requires that such meetings be closed to the public because the Treasury Department requires frank and full advice from representatives of the financial community prior to making its final decisions on major financing operations. Historically, this advice has been offered by debt management advisory committees established by the several major segments of the financial community. When so utilized, such a committee is recognized to be an advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 3.

Although the Treasury's final announcement of financing plans may not reflect the recommendations provided in reports of the Committee, premature disclosure of the Committee's deliberations and reports would be likely to lead to significant financial speculation in the securities market. Thus, this meeting falls within the exemption covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(A).

The Office of Debt Management is responsible for maintaining records of debt management advisory committee meetings and for providing annual reports setting forth a summary of Committee activities and such other matters as may be informative to the public consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552(b). The Designated Federal Officer or other responsible agency official who may be contacted for additional information is Fred Pietrangeli, Director for Office of Debt Management (202) 622-1876.

Dated: April 14, 2023.

Frederick E. Pietrangeli,
Director, (for Office of Debt Management).

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

ACTION: Notice of a re-establishment for a matching program.

SUMMARY: This computer matching agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) will disclose tax return information to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA). VA/VHA will use the tax return information to verify veterans'

employment status and earnings to determine eligibility for its health benefit programs.

DATES: Comments on this matching program must be received no later than May 19, 2023. If no public comment is received during the period allowed for comment or unless otherwise published in the **Federal Register** by VA, the new agreement will become effective a minimum of 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**. If VA receives public comments, VA shall review the comments to determine whether any changes to the notice are necessary. This matching program will be valid for 18 months from the effective date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted through www.Regulations.gov or mailed to VA Privacy Service, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, (005R1A), Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to Computer Matching Agreement Between The Internal Revenue Services and The Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration. Comments received will be available at regulations.gov for public viewing, inspection or copies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacey Echols, Director, Health Eligibility Center VHA Member Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, 2957 Clairmont Rd. NE, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30329, Email: stacey.echols@va.gov, Telephone: 404-828-5303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Health Eligibility Center (HEC) verifies the self-reported income of certain veterans whose eligibility for medical care is based on income level. HEC is an entity within the VHA, Member Services.

"Tax return information," for purposes of this agreement, means IRS records obtained under the authority of 26 U.S.C. 6103 concerning the amount of an individual's earnings from wages or self-employment income, the period(s) involved, and the identities and addresses of employers.

Participating Agencies

Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA), and Internal Revenue Services (IRS)

Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The Internal Revenue Code (IRC), 26 U.S.C. 6103(l)(7)(B), authorizes the IRS to disclose return information with respect to unearned income, as defined by relevant sections of the IRC, to VHA

for the purposes or administering certain health care programs under sections 1710(a)(2)(G), 1710(a)(3), and 1710(b) of Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.). The authority for VHA to enter into this matching program with IRS is contained in 38 U.S.C. 5317. VHA has a statutory obligation to collect income information from certain applicants for benefits and to use that income data to determine the applicant's eligibility for the benefits sought.

Purpose(s)

This computer matching agreement sets forth the terms, conditions, and safeguards under which the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) will disclose tax return information to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (VA/VHA). VA/VHA will use the tax return information to verify veterans' employment status and earnings to determine eligibility for its health benefit programs.

Categories of Individuals

Veterans applying for VA Health Care Benefits

Categories of Records

VA/VHA will provide IRS with the following information for each individual for whom VA/VHA requests tax return information: SSN and the Name Control (first four characters of the surname) in accordance with the current IRS Publication 3373, *Disclosure of Information to Federal, State, and Local Agencies Handbook*. The IRS will then disclose, when there is a match of individual identifier, to the VHA the: payee account number, payee name and mailing address, payee Tax Identification Number (TIN), payer TIN number, payer name and address, and the income type and amount.

System(s) of Records

VHA will provide the IRS with identifying information with respect to applicants for and recipients of benefits available under programs cited in Article I.B. of this Agreement from VHA's System of Records entitled "Income Verification Records—VA" (89VA10NB) (Routine use nineteen (19)), as published at 73 FR 26192 (May 8, 2008), and updated at 78 FR 76897 (December 19, 2013). IRS will extract return information with respect to unearned income from the Information Return Master File (IRMF), Treas/IRS 22.061, as published at 80 FR 54081 (September 8, 2015), through the Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) Program.

Signing Authority

The Senior Agency Official for Privacy, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. John Oswalt, Chief Privacy Officer and Chair of the Data Integrity Board, Department of Veterans Affairs approved this document on March 10, 2023 for publication.

Dated: April 14, 2023.

Amy L. Rose,

Program Analyst, VA Privacy Service, Office of Information Security, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0799]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Casket and Urn Allowance

AGENCY: National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Cemetery Administration (NCA), 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 new

collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed that implements statutory authority for NCA to provide an allowance for the purchase of caskets and urns for the interment of the remains of Veterans without next of kin (NOK) or sufficient resources available for burial.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or June 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Brian Hurley, National Cemetery Administration (42E), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420 or email to Brian.Hurley1@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0799" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maribel Aponte, Office of Enterprise and Integration, Data Governance Analytics (008), 810 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 266-4688 or email maribel.aponte@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0799" in any correspondence.

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, NCA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of NCA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of NCA'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: 38 U.S.C. 2306; 38 CFR 38.628.

Title: Casket/Urn Allowance, VA Form 40-10088.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0799.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration has established VA regulations to implement statutory authority for NCA to provide allowance for the purchase of caskets and urns for the interment of the remains of Veterans without next of kin and sufficient resources available for burial.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 56 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per

Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 336.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dorothy Glasgow,

VA PRA Clearance Officer, (Alt.), Office of Enterprise and Integration/Data Governance Analytics, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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