

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on February 7, 2008 to address "The Implications of Sovereign Wealth Fund Investment on National Security."

### Background

This event is the first in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2008 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academic, business, industry, government and the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The February 7 hearing is being conducted to obtain commentary about the status of U.S.-China relations, from economic, security, and diplomatic perspectives, in order to assess the progress of our bilateral relationship since the granting of permanent normalized trade relations to China, and to identify the challenges facing our relationship in 2008. The February 7 hearing will address "The Implications of Sovereign Wealth Fund Investment on National Security" and will be Co-chaired by Chairman Larry M. Wortzel and Commissioner Patrick A. Mulloy.

Information on this hearing, including a detailed hearing agenda and information about panelists, will be made available on the Commission's Web site prior to the hearing date. Detailed information about the Commission, the texts of its annual reports and hearing records, and the products of research it has commissioned can be found on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov>.

Any interested party may file a written statement by February 7, 2008, by mailing to the contact below. On February 7, the hearing will be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Commissioners will take testimony from invited witnesses, and there will be a question and answer period among the Commissioners and the witnesses.

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, February 7, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at <http://www.uscc.gov> in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on Capitol Hill in Room 562 Dirksen Senate Office Building located at First Street and Constitution Avenue, NE., Washington, DC 20510. Public seating is limited to about 50 people on a first

come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202-624-1409, or via e-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106-398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7), as amended by Public Law 109-108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: January 15, 2008.

**Kathleen J. Michels,**

*Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0606]

### Proposed Information Collection (Regulation for Submission of Evidence); 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 the information needed to collect or recover cost for medical care or services provided or furnished to veterans with non-service-connected conditions.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to Mary Stout, Veterans Health Administration (193E1), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: [mary.stout@va.gov](mailto:mary.stout@va.gov). Please refer to

"OMB Control No. 2900-0606" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Stout (202) 461-5867 or Fax (202) 273-9381.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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.

**Title:** Regulation for Submission of Evidence—Title 38 CFR 17.101(a)(4).

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0606.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Abstract:** Under the provisions of 38 CFR 17.101(a)(4), a third party payer that is liable for reimbursing VA for care and services VA provided to veterans with non-service-connected conditions continues to have the option of paying either the billed charges or the amount the health plan demonstrates it would pay to providers other than entities of the United States for the same care or services in the same geographic area. If the amount submitted by the health plan is less than the amount billed, VA will accept the submission as payment, subject to verification at VA's discretion. VA uses the information to determine whether the third-party payer has met the test of properly demonstrating its equivalent private sector provider payment amount for the same care or services VA provided.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 800 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:** 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0047]

### Proposed Information Collection (Financial Statement); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans 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. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine veteran-obligors' and prospective assumers' creditworthiness.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0047" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or Fax (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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.

*Title:* Financial Statement, VA Form 26-6807.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0047.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The data collected on VA Form 26-6807 is used to determine release of liability and substitution of entitlement cases. VA may release original veteran obligors from personal liability arising from the original guaranty of their home loan, or the making of a direct loan, provided the purchasers/assumers meet the creditworthiness requirements. The data is also used to determine a borrower's financial condition in connection with efforts to reinstate a seriously defaulted guaranteed, insured, or portfolio loan, and to determine homeowners eligibility for aid under the Homeowners Assistance Program, which provides assistance by reducing losses incident to the disposal of homes when military installations at which the homeowners were employed or serving are ordered closed.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 6,000 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 45 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On Occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,000.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0270]

### Proposed Information Collection (Financial Counseling Statement); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans 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. This notice solicits comments for information needed to establish veteran-borrowers repayment agreement on delinquent guaranteed or insured VA home loans.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 24, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov> or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0270" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or Fax (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), 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;