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Comment on ICR-Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses; Anonymous

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General Comment

The collection of proof of attendance documentation was not, and is not, authorized by OMB under control number 2900-0798.

38 CFR 70.20 (e) allows for information collection authorized by OMB under control number 2900-0798.

The Secretary unlawfully created additional criteria for payment without the authority to do so.

38 USC 111 does not establish any determination criteria such as proof of attendance, completion of appointment documentation, or provider updates to medical records.

Supporting Statement A states, "VHA must determine the identity of the claimant, the dates and length of the trip being claimed based on addresses of starting and ending points, and whether expenses other than mileage are being claimed. The claimant is required to sign the form.

Attachments

Supporting Statement A_2900-0798_Veteran-Beneficiary Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses 10-3542 and BTSSS updated 02082024

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