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Comments Received:

The proposed verification of attendance (VOA) required by VA Form 10-3542 new instruction 6 is a exact duplication of the information already available via the BTSSS and VA Form 10-3542.

Both the BTSSS and VA Form 10- 3542 have data elements for the treating facility name and address, date appointment was completed, etc. as well as a certification that the information is true and correct.

VHA has not specifically shown why this information cannot be used or modified for the purposes in Item 2.

The VOA serves no lawfull purpose and increases the public burden. The VOA is not required by any law or regulation.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.