

**Author Full Name :** Anonymous

**Received Date :** 10/12/2024 01:17 PM

**Comments Received :**

30-day FRN 2024-21141: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2024-21141>

FRN published on 09/18/2024, for ICR: 202402-2900-022, submitted to OIRA on 9/18/2024:

Did \*not\* have a 60-day FRN published.

The 60-day FRN published on 03/05/2024 was for "historical inactive" ICR 202402-2900-007, \*withdrawn\* on 09/17/2024.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2024-04543>

[https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=202402-2900-007](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202402-2900-007)

Withdrawn: "Removed from consideration", making the 60-day FRN null and void.

Start the approval process over with a new 60-day FRN.

Identify the ICR Reference No. and add hyperlink URL addressed to "View ICR - Agency Submission".

Add hyperlink URL addressed to "OMB Control Number History".

FRN says, "VHA must gather \*certain\* information to ...".

"The notice should include \*details\* about what information is being collected".

This is a wide spread, recurring issue with all VACO FRN's.

FRN does not indicate whether any comments were received during the 60-day period.

"The 30-Day Notice... must indicate whether any comments were received during the 60-day period."

Supporting Statement A:

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/DownloadDocument?objectID=140144700>

1. VTP says, "Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 111 and 38 C.F.R. Part 70, Subpart A..."

After "38 U.S.C. 111" insert "Payments or allowances for beneficiary travel".

After "and" insert "implemented by".

VTP says, "VHA must gather certain information..."

Change "gather certain information to "collect certain information specified in item 2"

After, "collect certain information specified in item 2", add, "according to statutory mandates, including The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C 3501 et seq.).

"Detail any specific program problems you hope to resolve."

2. VTP says, "The claimant may provide self-attestation of their attendance at a VA authorized appointment with a non-VA provider."

No mention of "verification of attendance" (VOA) from the VA Form 10-3542.

VTP says, "If VA determines that \*additional\* information is needed to make a determination\* ..., VA will notify the claimant...in accordance with 38 CFR 70.20(e).

38 CFR 70.20(e) determination criteria is beyond the VTP authority to \*make\* payments or \*not make\* payments.

There is no undefined, "additional" information collection in an ICR.

This item identifies \*five\* data elements and \*only five\* data elements to be collected:

Identity, addresses, dates, other than mileage, signature.

**Author Full Name :** Anonymous

**Received Date :** 10/12/2024 01:17 PM

Define *\*all\** data elements collected by any and *\*all\** methods.

"Do *\*not\** just make *\*general statements\** about the overall use of the information, but address the *\*specific\** data elements of information being collected."

"... you must demonstrate that you will be using all of the information collected for a practical<sup>\*</sup> and *\*necessary\** program purpose."

Add *\*all\** modalities to your ICR:

Current modalities for Veterans to submit their BT applications include:

BTSSS – Online, on mobile devices, or via laptops and tablets offered at many VAMCs.

Paper Claims – VA Form 10-3542, Veteran/Beneficiary Claim for reimbursement of Travel Expenses,<sup>3</sup> submitted for manual entry.

Patient Check-In (PCI) App - Mobile check-in through va.gov, integrating BT claims for appointments into BTSSS.

VetLink Kiosk Integration – Available at 38 VAMCs with Vecna contracts."