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General Comment

SSA, 2. Delete "If VA determines that additional information is needed to make a determination concerning an application for benefits, VA will notify the claimant in writing in accordance with 38 CFR 70.20(e)."

The CFR can not negate the OMB prior approval required for information collection and also states "this collection of information has been approved by OMB". This means you can not collect information that was not specifically identified and approved via this process.

PRA Guide APPENDIX I: HOW TO CREATE A SUPPORTING STATEMENT
PART A. JUSTIFICATION

2. "Do not just make general statements about the overall use of the information, but address the specific items of information being collected."

VHA must specify what "additional information" is or could be required for a beneficiary travel claim and provide samples.

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