DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Request for Examination and/or Treatment

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions
used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony May by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend the Longshore Act’s coverage to certain other employees. Section 33 U.S.C. 907 of the Longshore Act and 20 CFR 702.419, the employer/insurance carrier is responsible for furnishing medical care for the injured employee for such period of time as the injury or recovery period may require. Form LS–1 serves two purposes: It authorizes the medical care, and it provides a vehicle for the treating physician to report the findings, treatment given, and anticipated physical condition of the employee. Legal authority for this information collection is found at 33 U.S.C. 907. Regulatory authority is found at 20 CFR 702.419. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on June 11, 2020 (85 FR 35669).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not
required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and
displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other
provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply
with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See
5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years.
OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal.
The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for
existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-OWCP.

Title of Collection: Request for Examination and/or Treatment.

OMB Control Number: 1240-0029.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 90,000.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 48,750 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: $2,544,300.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))


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