Privacy Impact Assessment for the VA IT System called:

Workers’ Compensation-Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System (WCP) EMPO
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Abstract

The abstract provides the simplest explanation for “what does the system do?” and will be published online to accompany the PIA link.

The purpose of Workers’ Compensation - Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System is to facilitate the management of workers’ compensation claims filed under the Federal Employment Compensation Act (FECA) which is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) the system records and tracks work related injuries and illnesses for the Department of Veteran Affairs employees.

Overview

The overview is the most important section of the PIA. A thorough and clear overview gives the reader the appropriate context to understand the responses in the PIA. The overview should contain the following elements:

- The IT system name and the name of the program office that owns the IT system.
- The business purpose of the program, IT system, or technology and how it relates to the program office and agency mission.
- Indicate the ownership or control of the IT system or project.
- The expected number of individuals whose information is stored in the system and a brief description of the typical client or affected individual.
- A general description of the information in the IT system and the purpose for collecting this information.
- Any information sharing conducted by the IT system. A general description of the modules and subsystems, where relevant, and their functions.
- Whether the system is operated in more than one site, and if so, a description of how use of the system and PII is maintained consistently in all sites and if the same controls are used across sites.
- A citation of the legal authority to operate the IT system.
- Whether the completion of this PIA will result in circumstances that require changes to business processes.
• Whether the completion of this PIA could potentially result in technology changes
• If the system is in the process of being modified and a SORN exists, will the SORN require amendment or revision and approval? If the system is using cloud technology, does the SORN for the system cover cloud usage or storage?

The Workers’ Compensation – Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System (WCOSHI/MIS) application is written and owned by the Veterans Health Administration – Office of workers’ compensation Program (VHA-OWCP) Fund and funded by the Director, Occupational Safety and Health OOS.1. The purpose of the program is to record and track injuries and illnesses for the Department of Veteran Affairs employees, which are reported to the Department of Labor (DOL). The Workers’ Compensation-Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System (WC-OSH/MIS) tracks work related illnesses and injuries is mandated by DOL, and its reduction by Presidential Order. The purpose of tracking is to reduce the rising costs associated with on the job injuries and lost time claims preventing workers from returning to the work force. The individuals covered in the system date back to 1996. The number of individuals whose information is stored in the system is approximately 200,000 with number increasing daily as new claims are filed. The individual affected is a VA employee having submitted a Workers Compensation claim.

The Workers’ Compensation – Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System (WCP) is used VA wide for the implementation and tracking of claim and compensation. The completion will not result in any change of technology or business processes. Once a claim is submitted and becomes part of the WC-OSH/MIS system, it is updated by DOL on a biweekly and quarterly basis. Once closed, the record is kept on file indefinitely due to future claims related to the original illness or injury. These claims apply to all VA facility locations. The WCOSHI/MIS is the entry point for entering illness and injury claims which get reported to DOL. The information is received at DOL and a case number assigned which is the collection point for all the case information related to the illness or injury.

Records in the system include the OWCP quarterly injury/disease chargeback reports, weekly Case Management File (CMF) Reports, weekly Automated Compensation Payment System (ACPS) Reports, weekly Bill Payment System (BPS) Reports, data on VA’s continuation of pay (COP) costs, and some elements from the Personnel and Accounting Integrated Data System—VA. The computer data base records include the claimant’s name, address, Social Security number, date of birth, grade, salary, telephone number, OWCP’s case adjudication status (approved or denied, waiting adjudication, file sent to Hearings and Review for decision), accepted medical condition(s), compensation paid (amount and time period covered), medical bills paid (name of physician, hospital or health facility, type of treatment, date of treatment, amount paid, amount paid for medical equipment, and rehabilitation expenses), COP authorized or denied, dates COP is paid, number of days of COP, and total amount paid.

The system does not use cloud technology. System of Record Notice (SORN) 86VA00S1 Workers’ Compensation-Occupational Safety and Health/Management Information System—VA states the authority for operation/maintenance of the system: Public Law 91–596; 5 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.; and Federal Regulations 20 CFR part 10, 29 CFR part 1960, and 5 CFR Ch. 1, part 353. The completion will not result in any change to the SORN.
Section 1. Characterization of the Information

The following questions are intended to define the scope of the information requested and collected as well as the reasons for its collection as part of the program, IT system, or technology being developed.

1.1 What information is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained in the system?

Identify and list all Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) that is collected and stored in the system, including Individually Identifiable Information (III), Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI), Protected Health Information (PHI), and Privacy-Protected Information. For additional information on these information types and definitions, please see VA Directives and Handbooks in the 6500 series (https://www.va.gov/vapubs/). If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the information the system is responsible for creating.

If a requesting system receives information from another system, such as a response to a background check, describe what information is returned to the requesting system. This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority To Collect, and AP-2, Purpose Specification.

Please check any information listed below that your system collects, uses, disseminates, creates, or maintains. If additional SPI is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained, please list those in the text box below:

- Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Mother’s Maiden Name
- Personal Mailing Address
- Personal Phone Number(s)
- Personal Fax Number
- Personal Email Address
- Emergency Contact Information (Name, Phone Number, etc. of a different individual)
- Financial Account Information
- Health Insurance Beneficiary Numbers
- Account numbers
- Certificate/License numbers
- Vehicle License Plate Number
- Internet Protocol (IP) Address Numbers
- Current Medications
- Previous Medical Records
- Race/Ethnicity
- Tax Identification Number
- Medical Record Number
- Other Unique Identifying Information (list below)

Additional SPI is collected, used, disseminated, created, or maintained such as:
- Pay grade
- Pay step
- Salary
- Medical injury and illness information
- OWCP’s case adjudication status
• Compensation paid
• Medical bills paid

PII Mapping of Components

Workers’ Compensation - Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System consists of 2 key components (databases). Each component has been analyzed to determine if any elements of that component collect PII. The type of PII collected by Workers’ Compensation - Occupational Safety Health/Management Information System and the reasons for the collection of the PII are in the table below.

PII Mapped to Components

Note: Due to the PIA being a public facing document, please do not include the server names in the table.

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<th>Database Name of the information system collecting/storing PII</th>
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<th>Does this system store PII? (Yes/No)</th>
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<th>Reason for Collection/Storage of PII</th>
<th>Safeguards</th>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>PII/PHI</td>
<td>SSN, DOB, Personal Phone Numbers, Personal Mailing Address</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>PII/PHI</td>
<td>SSN, DOB, Personal Phone Numbers, Personal Mailing Address</td>
<td>Processing WC Claims</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>PII/PHI</td>
<td>SSN, DOB, Personal Phone Numbers,</td>
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1.2 What are the sources of the information in the system?

List the individual, entity, or entities providing the specific information identified above. For example, is the information collected directly from the individual as part of an application for a benefit, or is it collected from other sources such as commercial data aggregators?

Describe why information from sources other than the individual is required. For example, if a program’s system is using data from a commercial aggregator of information or data taken from public Web sites, state the fact that this is where the information is coming from and then in question 1.3 indicate why the system is using this source of data.

If the system creates information (for example, a score, analysis, or report), list the system as a source of information.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.

The information for the claim comes from the employee, the payroll system and DOL as determination for eligibility. The supporting information determines things such as entitlements with regard to wages at time of illness or injury and rates of pay. The system has a myriad of reports gleaned from the case information in the database and utilized by VA Office of Workers’ Compensation Program (OWCP) and Version Date: October 1, 2017 Safety Managers to manage their claims, mitigate safety risks and departmental as well as DOL reporting requirements.

Sources include: Data elements from the Personnel and Accounting Integrated Data System-VA, VA COP data, and VA employees.

1.3 How is the information collected?

This question is directed at the means of collection from the sources listed in question 1.2. Information may be collected directly from an individual, received via electronic transmission from another system, or created by the system itself. Specifically, is information collected through technologies or other technology used in the storage or transmission of information in identifiable form?

If the information is collected on a form and is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, give the form’s OMB control number and the agency form number.

This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and IP-1, Consent.
Following a work-related illness or injury, an employee contacts his Supervisor, OWCP Specialist or Safety Manager to report it. The information is recorded on a CA1/2 Form by the Occupational Workers’ Compensation Program (OWCP) Specialist and entered into the system. Once all information is collected and deemed reportable by the employee and validated complete the case is sent to DOL via EDI transmission through Connect-Direct, received the case is created and a case number is assigned. Once DOL receives any bills, determines any compensation, and has assigned a case number, the information related to the case is sent to us in the form of the bi-weekly files which include the case master, bill payment and compensation payment files. Updates to the cases are received via the bi-weekly and quarterly transfer files.

1.4 How will the information be checked for accuracy? How often will it be checked?

Discuss whether and how often information stored in the system is checked for accuracy. Is information in the system checked against any other source of information (within or outside your organization) before the information is used to make decisions about an individual? For example, is there a computer matching agreement in place with another government agency? For systems that receive data from internal data sources or VA IT systems, describe the system checks to ensure that data corruption has not occurred during transmission.

If the system checks for accuracy by accessing a commercial aggregator of information, describe this process and the levels of accuracy required by the contract.
This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, and DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board.

The information goes through an integrity check at the time it is entered and before it is saved to the database (Automated). Further integrity checks are made once received by DOL. The information is again checked upon receipt from DOL as a case through the bi-weekly and quarterly feeds. Information that does not pass the integrity checks is rejected and returned to the source for correction and resubmitted.

1.5 What specific legal authorities, arrangements, and agreements defined the collection of information?

List the full legal authority for operating the system, specifically the authority to collect the information listed in question 1.1. Provide the authorities in a manner understandable to any potential reader, i.e., do not simply provide a legal citation, use statute names or regulations in addition to citations. Legal authorities include Federal laws, regulations, statutes, and Executive Orders.
This question is related to privacy control AP-1, Authority to Collect

Federal Regulations 20 CFR part 10, 29 CFR part 1960, and 5 CFR ch. 1, part 353. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs established these guidelines pursuant to the authorities in and requirements of Title 38, United States Code, section 8111 (38 U.S.C. 5811 I), titled "Sharing of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Health Care Resources," and the authorities contained under Title 10, United States Code, section 1104 (10 U.S.C.5 1104), titled "Sharing of Resources with the Department of Veterans Affairs," which incorporates Title 31, United States Code, section 1535 (31 U.S.C. 51 535), titled "Agency Agreements," also known as the "Economy Act." These guidelines assist in the implementation of these statutes.

1.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Characterization of the information

Consider the specific data elements collected and discuss the potential privacy risks and what steps, if any are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Consider the following Fair Information Practice Principles (FIPPs) when assessing the risk to individual privacy:

**Principle of Purpose Specification:** Explain how the collection ties with the purpose of the underlying mission of the organization and its enabling authority.

**Principle of Minimization:** Is the information directly relevant and necessary to accomplish the specific purposes of the program?

**Principle of Individual Participation:** Does the program, to the extent possible and practical, collect information directly from the individual?

**Principle of Data Quality and Integrity:** Are there policies and procedures for VA to ensure that personally identifiable information is accurate, complete, and current?

This question is related to privacy control AR-1, Governance and Privacy Program, and AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment.

Follow the format below when entering your risk assessment:

**Privacy Risk:**

WCP collects Personally Identifiable Information (PII). If this information was breached or accidentally released to inappropriate parties or the public, it could result in financial, personal, and/or emotional harm to the individuals whose information is contained in the system.

**Mitigation:**

The Department of Veterans Affairs is careful to only collect the information necessary to identify the parties involved in an incident, identify potential issues and concerns, and offer assistance to the affected parties so that they may find the help they need to get through their crisis. By only collecting the minimum necessary information, the VA is able to better protect the individual’s information.
Section 2. Uses of the Information

The following questions are intended to clearly delineate the use of information and the accuracy of the data being used.

2.1 Describe how the information in the system will be used in support of the program’s business purpose.

Identify and list each use (both internal and external to VA) of the information collected or maintained.
This question is related to privacy control AP-2, Purpose Specification.

The information collected is used for the purpose of eligibility of workers’ compensation benefits for VA employees for injuries and illnesses incurred on the job.

- Name – identification – reporting - internal and external
- Social Security Number (SSN) – identification – reporting - internal and external
- Date of Birth (DOB) – identification – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Mailing address – identification – reporting – statistical data – communication - internal and external
- Zip Code – identification – reporting – statistical data – communication - internal and external
- Pay Grade – identification – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Pay Step (within grade level) – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Salary – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Medical injury and/or illness information – identification – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Phone – reporting – communication - internal and external
- OWCP’s case adjudication status – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Compensation paid – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- Medical bills paid – reporting – statistical data - internal and external
- COP data – reporting – statistical data - internal and external

2.2 What types of tools are used to analyze data and what type of data may be produced?

Many systems sift through large amounts of information in response to a user inquiry or programmed functions. Systems may help identify areas that were previously not obvious and need additional research by agents, analysts, or other employees. Some systems perform complex analytical tasks resulting in, among other types of data, matching, relational analysis, scoring, reporting, or pattern analysis. Describe any type of analysis the system conducts and the data that is created from the analysis.

If the system creates or makes available new or previously unutilized information about an individual, explain what will be done with the newly derived information. Will it be placed in the individual’s existing record? Will a new record be created? Will any action be taken against or for the individual identified because of the newly derived data? If a new record is created, will the newly
created information be accessible to Government employees who make determinations about the individual? If so, explain fully under which circumstances and by whom that information will be used. This question is related to privacy controls DI-1, Data Quality, DI-2, Data Integrity and Integrity Board, and SE-1, Inventory of Personally Identifiable Information

There are number of reports available to the OWCP specialist which is used for the management of claims or the management and mitigation of safety risks (WCP has its own report function allowing authorize users the ability to run a variety of reports). The only analysis is the reporting function.

2.3 How is the information in the system secured?
   2.3a What measures are in place to protect data in transit and at rest?

   2.3b If the system is collecting, processing, or retaining Social Security Numbers, are there additional protections in place to protect SSNs?

This question is related to security and privacy controls SC-9, Transmission Confidentiality, and SC-28, Protection of Information at Rest

Data is protected in transit via secure electronic data exchange from mailman messaging in VISTA and also safeguarded by encryption, SFTP and HTTPS.

Records are destroyed 3 years after compensation ceases or when deadline for filing a claim has passed.

2.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Use of the information. How is access to the PII determined? Are criteria, procedures, controls, and responsibilities regarding access documented? Does access require manager approval? Is access to the PII being monitored, tracked, or recorded? Who is responsible for assuring safeguards for the PII?

Describe any types of controls that may be in place to ensure that information is handled in accordance with the uses described above. Example: Describe if training for users of the project covers how to appropriately use information. Describe the disciplinary programs or system controls (i.e. denial of access) that are in place if an individual is inappropriately using the information.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Is the PIA and SORN, if applicable, clear about the uses of the information?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the use of information contained in the system relevant to the mission of the project? This question is related to privacy control AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing, AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training, and SE-2, Privacy Incident response.
Individual access is requested via the Agency Administrator who in turn validates that the individual has a legitimate need for access because of their position as documented by the System Security Plan. Once Version Date: October 1, 2017 the need is established and verified, the Agency Administrator enters them into the system via the application. All users, regardless of whether they are in the agency or contracted to do case investigation, must be approved by the Agency Administrator. Additionally, all users are required to sign a Rules of Behavior. The different roles are ‘read-only’, ‘data-entry’, ‘agency-administrator’ and ‘system-administrator’. ‘Read-only’ access gives read-only compartmentalized access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘Data-entry’ gives read/write compartmentalized access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘Agency administrator’ gives read/write access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘System administrator’ gives read/write access. The control of access is managed by the program owners. Access to and use of the information is covered by the Rules of Behavior and the Government Computer Systems warnings. The System of Records Notice (SORN) for the WCP system is 86VA00S1 - Workers Compensation Occupational Safety and Health Management Information System (Formally known as 86VA058)-VA. The official system of records notice (SORN) for these can be found on-line at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-09-14/pdf/00-23569.pdf. Amended SORN can be found at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-08-05/pdf/E8-17899.pdf. The SORN defines the information collected from veterans, use of the information, and how the information is accessed and stored. The minimum-security requirements for WCP’s high impact system cover 17 security-related areas with regard to protecting the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of VA information systems and the information processed, stored, and transmitted by those systems. The security-related areas include: access control; awareness and training; audit and accountability; certification, accreditation, and security assessments; configuration management; contingency planning; identification and authentication; incident response; maintenance; media protection; physical and environmental protection; planning; personnel security; risk assessment; systems and services acquisition; system and communications protection; and system and information integrity. Our facilities employ all security controls in the respective high impact security control baseline unless specific exceptions have been allowed based on the tailoring guidance provided in NIST Special Publication 800-53 Rev 4 and specific VA directives. VA Records Management Policy and the VA Rules of Behavior in Talent Management System (TMS) govern how Veterans’ information is used, stored, and protected.

Section 3. Retention of Information

The following questions are intended to outline how long information will be retained after the initial collection.

3.1 What information is retained?

Identify and list all information collected from question 1.1 that is retained by the system.
This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal

Information retained is related to claims as a result of injuries or illnesses while on the job.
- Name
- Social Security Number (SSN)
- Date of Birth (DOB)
- Mailing address
- Zip Code
- Pay Grade
- Pay Step (within grade level)
- Salary
- Medical injury and/or illness information
- Phone
- OWCP’s case adjudication status
- Compensation paid
- Medical bills paid
- COP data

3.2 How long is information retained?

In some cases VA may choose to retain files in active status and archive them after a certain period of time. State active file retention periods, as well as archived records, in number of years, for the information and record types. For example, financial data held within your system may have a different retention period than medical records or education records held within your system, please be sure to list each of these retention periods. If the system is using cloud technology, will it be following the NARA approved retention length and schedule?

The VA records officer should be consulted early in the development process to ensure that appropriate retention and destruction schedules are implemented.
This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Per the SORN, Records are scheduled to be destroyed 30 years after OWCP closes the claimant's case file. Amended SORN can be found at: https://www.archives.gov/about/records-schedule/chapter-13.html#agrecs The official system of records notice (SORN) for these can be found on-line at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-09-14/pdf/00-23569.pdf

3.3 Has the retention schedule been approved by the VA records office and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)? If so please indicate the name of the records retention schedule.

An approved records schedule must be obtained for any IT system that allows the retrieval of a record via a personal identifier. The VA records officer will assist in providing a proposed schedule.
The schedule must be formally offered to NARA for official approval. Once NARA approves the proposed schedule, the VA records officer will notify the system owner.
This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Record control schedule can be found at the following website. Please click on link below.
https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs Yes. The following records control schedules are approved by NARA: GRS 2.4, item 100 (DAA-GRS-2016-0015-0012)
https://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/grs.html

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Records are kept in accordance with VA6300.1 Records Management Procedures as well as DOL Govt.

3.4 What are the procedures for the elimination of SPI?

Explain how records are destroyed or eliminated at the end of the retention period. Please give the details of the process. For example, are paper records shredded on site, or by a shredding company and accompanied by a certificate of destruction, etc?
This question is related to privacy control DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Electronic media sanitization, when the records are authorized for destruction (or upon system decommission) will be carried out in accordance with VA 6500.1 HB Electronic Media Sanitization. Disposition of Printed Data: Forms and other types of printed output produced by any computer systems and related peripherals will be evaluated by the responsible staff member for data sensitivity. Printed output containing sensitive data will be stored in locked cabinets or desks and disposed of properly by shredding or similar VA approved methods in accordance with VA Directive 6371. Program listings and documentation relating to the use of or access to a computer system require special handling if the listings or documentation provide information about a system which processes sensitive data. VA personnel are responsible for retrieving/removing all printed outputs they request from printers.

3.5 Does the system, where feasible, use techniques to minimize the risk to privacy by using PII for research, testing, or training?

Organizations often use PII for testing new applications or information systems prior to deployment. Organizations also use PII for research purposes and for training. These uses of PII increase the risks associated with the unauthorized disclosure or misuse of the information. Please explain what controls have been implemented to protect PII used for testing, training and research. Have policies and procedures been developed to minimize the use of PII for testing, training, and research?
This question is related to privacy control DM-3, Minimization of PII Used in Testing, Training and Research

WCP does not use PII for testing training or research.

3.6 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Retention of information

Discuss the risks associated with the length of time data is retained and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

While we understand that establishing retention periods for records is a formal process, there are policy considerations behind how long a project keeps information. The longer a project retains information, the longer it needs to secure the information and assure its accuracy and integrity. The proposed schedule should match the requirements of the Privacy Act to keep the minimum amount of PII for the minimum amount of time, while meeting the Federal Records Act. The schedule should align with the stated purpose and mission of the system.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Minimization: Does the project retain only the information necessary for its purpose? Is the PII retained only for as long as necessary and relevant to fulfill the specified purposes?

Principle of Data Quality and Integrity: Has the PIA described policies and procedures for how PII that is no longer relevant and necessary is purged?

This question is related to privacy controls DM-1, Minimization of Personally Identifiable Information, and DM-2, Data Retention and Disposal.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk:

There is a risk that the information maintained that could be retained for longer than is necessary to fulfill the VA mission. Records held longer than required are at greater risk of being unintentionally released or breached.

Mitigation:

To mitigate the risk posed by information retention, WCP adheres to the Records Schedule approved by NARA. When the retention date is reached for a record, the individual’s information is carefully disposed of by the determined method as described in Records Schedule in accordance with VA media destruction policies.
Section 4. Internal Sharing/Receiving/Transmitting and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the scope of information sharing/receiving/transmitting within VA.

4.1 With which internal organizations is information shared/received/transmitted? What information is shared/received/transmitted, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted?

NOTE: Question 3.10 (second table) on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any program offices, contractor-supported IT systems, and any other organization or IT system within VA with which information is shared.

State the purpose for the internal sharing. If you have specific authority to share the information, provide a citation to the authority.

For each interface with a system outside your program office, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with the specific program office, contractor-supported IT system, and any other organization or IT system within VA.

Describe how the information is transmitted. For example, is the information transmitted electronically, by paper, or by some other means? Is the information shared in bulk, on a case-by-case basis, or does the sharing partner have direct access to the information? This question is related to privacy controls AP-2, Purpose Specification, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures, TR-1, Privacy Notice, and UL-1, Internal Use.

Data Shared with Internal Organizations

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| Personnel and Accounting Integrated Data (PAID) | WCP receives a biweekly payroll a mainframe batch process that runs automatically following the regular payroll run. | • Name  
• Social Security Number (SSN)  
• Date of Birth (DOB)  
• Mailing address  
• Zip Code  
• Pay Grade  
• Pay Step (within grade level) | Transmitted via secure electronic data exchange from a mainframe batch process that runs automatically following the regular payroll run |

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4.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Internal sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information within the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Internal Use.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk:
Claims information is available through the application and could be disclosed to an unauthorized user of the system.

**Mitigation:**

Users are required to sign a rules of behavior document which outlines specific uses for the claims data and the penalty which could be imposed as a result of misuse of that data.

### Section 5. External Sharing/Receiving and Disclosure

The following questions are intended to define the content, scope, and authority for information sharing external to VA, which includes Federal, State, and local governments, and the private sector.

5.1 With which external organizations (outside VA) is information shared/received? What information is shared/received, and for what purpose? How is the information transmitted and what measures are taken to ensure it is secure?

Is the sharing of information outside the agency compatible with the original collection? If so, is it covered by an appropriate routine use in a SORN? If not, please describe under what legal mechanism the IT system is allowed to share the information in identifiable form or personally identifiable information outside of VA.

**NOTE:** Question 3.11 on Privacy Threshold Analysis should be used to answer this question.

Identify and list the names of any Federal, State, or local government agency or private sector organization with which information is shared.

For each interface with a system outside VA, state what specific data elements (PII/PHI) are shared with each specific partner.

What legal mechanisms, authoritative agreements, documentation, or policies are in place detailing the extent of the sharing and the duties of each party? For example, is the sharing of data compatible with your SORN? Then list the SORN and the applicable routine use from the SORN. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Computer Matching Agreement (CMA), or law that mandates the sharing of this information?

Describe how the information is transmitted to entities external to VA and what security measures have been taken to protect it during transmission.

This question is related to privacy control UL-2, Information Sharing with Third Parties

**Data Shared with External Organizations**

<p>| List External Program Office or IT System information is | List the purpose of information being shared / received | List the specific PII/PHI data elements that are shared/received | List the legal authority, binding agreement, | List the method of transmission and the measures in |</p>
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If specific measures have been taken to meet the requirements of OMB Memoranda M-06-15 and M-06-16, note them here.

In order to protect veteran personally identifiable information (PII) the following activities occur as part of the overall information assurance activities:

1. The information with each application is categorized in accordance with FIPS 199 and NIST SP 800-60. As part of the categorization any PII is identified.

2. The VA has policies which direct and guide the activities and processes performed by the VA. The policies are periodically reviewed to ensure completeness and applicability.

3. The NIST SP 800-53 controls are selected based on the categorization. The controls provide protection for veteran PII while developed or stored by an application or IT system, physically transported, between facilities, least privilege, stored offsite, or transmitted between IT centers.
4. Internal protection is managed by access controls such as user IDs and passwords, authentication, awareness and training, auditing, and internal network controls. Remote protection is provided by remote access control, authenticator management, audit, and encrypted transmission.

5.2 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: External sharing and disclosure

Discuss the privacy risks associated with the sharing of information outside the Department and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Discuss whether access controls have been implemented and whether audit logs are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriate sharing outside of the Department. For example, is there a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU), contract, or agreement in place with outside agencies or foreign governments.

Discuss how the sharing of information outside of the Department is compatible with the stated purpose and use of the original collection.

This question is related to privacy control AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers, and AR-4, Privacy Monitoring and Auditing

Follow the format below:

**Privacy Risk:**

The privacy risk associated with maintaining PII is that sharing data outside of the Department of Veteran’s Affairs could increase the risk that data may be disclosed to individuals who do not require access and heightens the threat of the information being misused.

**Mitigation:**

The file that is provided is via SFTP and covered by an ISA/MOU. The principle of need-to-know is strictly adhered to. Only personnel with a clear business purpose are allowed access to the system and the information contained within the system.

The following questions are directed at providing notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of the information, and the right to decline to provide information.

6.1 Was notice provided to the individual before collection of the information? If yes, please provide a copy of the notice as an appendix. (A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms, or a system of records notice published in the Federal Register.) If notice was not provided, why not?

This question is directed at the notice provided before collection of the information. This refers to whether the person is aware that his or her information is going to be collected. A notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act statement on forms, or a SORN published in the Federal Register. If notice was provided in the Federal Register, provide the citation.

If notice was not provided, explain why. If it was provided, attach a copy of the current notice.
Describe how the notice provided for the collection of information is adequate to inform those affected by the system that their information has been collected and is being used appropriately. Provide information on any notice provided on forms or on Web sites associated with the collection. This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, and TR-2, System of Records Notices and Privacy Act Statements, and TR-3, Dissemination of Privacy Program Information.

This system collects information related to work related injury and illness. The individual is aware data is being collected and must complete the employee portion of the CA-1 form for an injury or CA-2 form for an illness.

Additionally, The Department of Veterans Affairs does provide public notice that the system does exist. This notice is provided in 2 ways: Version Date: October 1, 2017

1) The System of record Notice (SORN) is 86VA00S1 - Workers Compensation Occupational Safety and Health Management Information System (Formally known as 86VA058)-VA. The official system of records notice (SORN) for these can be found on-line at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-09-14/pdf/00-23569.pdf Amended SORN can be found at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2008-08-05/pdf/E8-17899.pdf

2) This document - Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) also serves as notice of the Workers Compensation Occupational Safety and Health Management Information System, as required by the eGovernment Act of 2002, Pub.L. 107–347 §208(b)(1)(B)(iii), the Department of Veterans Affairs “after completion of the [PIA] under clause (ii), make the privacy impact assessment publicly available through the website of the agency, publication in the Federal Register, or other means.”

6.2 Do individuals have the opportunity and right to decline to provide information? If so, is a penalty or denial of service attached?

This question is directed at whether the person from or about whom information is collected can decline to provide the information and if so, whether a penalty or denial of service is attached. This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent, IP-2, Individual Access, and IP-3, Redress

Claims are submitted on behalf of the claimant or injured employee. Decision to disclose information is the employee’s decision and affects whether or not they will be covered by the OWCP program.

6.3 Do individuals have the right to consent to particular uses of the information? If so, how does the individual exercise the right?

This question is directed at whether an individual may provide consent for specific uses or the consent is given to cover all uses (current or potential) of his or her information. If specific consent is required, how would the individual consent to each use?
This question is related to privacy control IP-1, Consent

The Individual does not have the right to consent to a particular usage of information due to the reporting requirement for workers’ compensation. The CA-1 form states: Complete all items on your section of the form. If additional space is required to explain or clarify any point, attach a supplemental statement to the form.

6.4 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Notice

Describe the potential risks associated with potentially insufficient notice and what steps, if any, are currently being taken to mitigate those identified risks.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Transparency: Has sufficient notice been provided to the individual?

Principle of Use Limitation: Is the information used only for the purpose for which notice was provided either directly to the individual or through a public notice? What procedures are in place to ensure that information is used only for the purpose articulated in the notice?

This question is related to privacy control TR-1, Privacy Notice, AR-2, Privacy Impact and Risk Assessment, and UL-1, Internal Use

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk:

There is a risk that members of the public may not know that the WCP system exists within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The risk also exists that the information within the system could be used for an unauthorized purpose.

Mitigation:

Collection of claimant data is authorized by the Occupational Workers’ Compensation Program and has specific uses. There is no other use authorized for this data. As stated in section 4.2, users are required to sign a rules of behavior document which outlines specific uses for the claims data and the penalty which could be imposed as a result of misuse of that data.

Section 7. Access, Redress, and Correction

The following questions are directed at an individual’s ability to ensure the accuracy of the information collected about him or her.

7.1 What are the procedures that allow individuals to gain access to their information?
Cite any procedures or regulations your program has in place that allow access to information. These procedures, at a minimum, should include the agency’s FOIA/Privacy Act practices, but may also include additional access provisions. For example, if your program has a customer satisfaction unit, that information, along with phone and email contact information, should be listed in this section in addition to the agency’s procedures. See 5 CFR 294 and the VA FOIA Web page at http://www.foia.va.gov/ to obtain information about FOIA points of contact and information about agency FOIA processes.

If the system is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act, please explain the basis for the exemption or cite the source where this explanation may be found, for example, a Final Rule published in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

If the system is not a Privacy Act system, please explain what procedures and regulations are in place that covers an individual gaining access to his or her information. This question is related to privacy control IP-2, Individual Access, and AR-8, Accounting of Disclosures.

Employees may obtain and sign a form for release of information to an individual who may act on their behalf such as a union official in his/her official capacity, or a supervisor acting on behalf of the claimant. Individuals wishing to obtain more information about access, redress and record correction of WCP system should contact the Department of Veteran’s Affairs regional as directed in the System of Record Notice Version Date: October 1, 2017 (SORN) is 86VA00S1 - Workers Compensation Occupational Safety and Health Management Information System (Formally known as 86VA058)-VA which states: RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Employees seeking information regarding access to and contesting of VA records may write, call, or visit VA’s Human Resources Management Office of Employment.

7.2 What are the procedures for correcting inaccurate or erroneous information?

Describe the procedures and provide contact information for the appropriate person to whom such issues should be addressed. If the correction procedures are the same as those given in question 7.1, state as much. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

The information collected by the agency on behalf of the claimant is sent to DOL and becomes DOL data. The WC/OSH-MIS makes no changes to this claimant data. If there is a change that needs to take place it must be changed by DOL, who in turn sends the changes to the VA in the form of the bi-weekly or quarterly file.

7.3 How are individuals notified of the procedures for correcting their information?

How are individuals made aware of the procedures for correcting his or her information? This may be through notice at collection or other similar means. This question is meant to address the risk that
even if procedures exist to correct information, if an individual is not made fully aware of the existence of those procedures, then the benefits of the procedures are significantly weakened. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

All notifications on claimant data occurs either by direct contact from DOL to the individual or through the OWCP Manager to the individual claimant. (SORN) is 86VA00S1 - Workers Compensation Occupational Safety and Health Management Information System (Formally known as 86VA058)-VA which states: CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES: See record access procedures above. The SORN states: Employees seeking information regarding access to and contesting of VA records may write, call, or visit VA’s Human Resources Management Office of employment.

7.4 If no formal redress is provided, what alternatives are available to the individual?

Redress is the process by which an individual gains access to his or her records and seeks corrections or amendments to those records. Redress may be provided through the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and also by other processes specific to a program, system, or group of systems. This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress, and IP-4, Complaint Management.

Example: Some projects allow users to directly access and correct/update their information online. This helps ensure data accuracy.

Access to claimant data is not authorized by anyone who is not a named user of the system. Claimants must work with an OWCP Manager who has access to the system to view their claim information.

7.5 PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Access, redress, and correction

Discuss what risks there currently are related to the Department’s access, redress, and correction policies and procedures for this system and what, if any, steps have been taken to mitigate those risks. For example, if a project does not allow individual access, the risk of inaccurate data needs to be discussed in light of the purpose of the project. For example, providing access to ongoing law enforcement activities could negatively impact the program’s effectiveness because the individuals involved might change their behavior.

Consider the following FIPPs below to assist in providing a response:

Principle of Individual Participation: Is the individual provided with the ability to find out whether a project maintains a record relating to him?

Principle of Individual Participation: If access and/or correction is denied, then is the individual provided notice as to why the denial was made and how to challenge such a denial?
Principle of Individual Participation: Is there a mechanism by which an individual is able to prevent information about him obtained for one purpose from being used for other purposes without his knowledge?
This question is related to privacy control IP-3, Redress.

Follow the format below:

Privacy Risk:
Privacy Risk: There is a risk that individuals may seek to access or redress records about them held by the VA Office and become frustrated with the results of their attempt.

Mitigation:
Changes are reported to and made by DOL only. Mitigation: By publishing this PIA, and the applicable SORN, the VA makes the public aware of the unique status of applications and evidence files, such as those stored on the Virtual VA platform. Furthermore, this document and the SORN provide the point of contact for members of the public who have questions or concerns about applications and evidence files.

Section 8. Technical Access and Security
The following questions are intended to describe technical safeguards and security measures.

8.1 What procedures are in place to determine which users may access the system, and are they documented?

Describe the process by which an individual receives access to the system.

Identify users from other agencies who may have access to the system and under what roles these individuals have access to the system. Who establishes the criteria for what PII can be shared?

Describe the different roles in general terms that have been created to provide access to the system. For example, certain users may have "read-only" access while others may be permitted to make certain amendments or changes to the information.

This question is related to privacy control AR-7, Privacy-Enhanced System Design and Development.

Individual access is requested via the Agency Administrator who in turn validates that the individual has a legitimate need for access because of their position as documented by the System Security Plan. Once the need is established and verified, the Agency Administrator enters them into the system via the application. All users, regardless of whether they are in the agency or contracted to do case investigation, must be approved by the Agency Administrator. Additionally, all users are required to sign a Rules of Behavior. The different roles are 'read-
only’, ‘data-entry’, ‘agency-administrator’ and ‘system-administrator’. ‘Read-only’ access gives read-only compartmentalized access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘Data-entry’ gives read/write compartmentalized access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘Agency administrator’ gives read/write access within the agency or agencies which the user is assigned. ‘System administrator’ gives read/write access. Per VA Directive and Handbook 6330, every 5 years the Office of Information Technology (OIT) develops, disseminates, and reviews/updates a formal, documented policy that addresses purpose, scope, roles, responsibilities, management commitment, coordination among organizational entities, and compliance; along with formal, documented procedures to facilitate the implementation of the control policy and associated controls.

8.2 Will VA contractors have access to the system and the PII? If yes, what involvement will contractors have with the design and maintenance of the system? Has a contractor confidentiality agreement, Business Associate Agreement (BAA), or a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) been developed for contractors who work on the system?

If so, how frequently are contracts reviewed and by whom? Describe the necessity of the access provided to contractors to the system and whether clearance is required. If Privacy Roles and Responsibilities have been established to restrict certain users to different access levels, please describe the roles and associated access levels. Explain the need for VA contractors to have access to the PII.

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

Access to contractors is limited to development/system administration and public trust is required. VA contract employee access is verified through the Contracting Officer’s Representative (COR) and other VA supervisory/administrative personnel before access is granted to any VA system. Contractor access is reviewed annually at a minimum. The contractors who provide support to the system are required to complete annual VA Privacy and Information Security and Rules of behavior training via the VA Talent Management System (TMS). All contractors are vetted using the VA background investigation process and must obtain the appropriate level background investigation for their role. Contractors with systems administrative access are required to complete additional role-based training prior to gaining system administrator access. Generally, contracts are reviewed at the start of the initiation phase of acquisitions and again during procurement of option years by the Contracting Officer, Information Security Officer, Privacy Officer, COR, Procurement Requestor/Program Manager and any other stakeholders required for approval of the acquisition. Contracts generally have an average duration of 1-3 years and may have option years stipulated in the original contract.

8.3 Describe what privacy training is provided to users either generally or specifically relevant to the program or system?
VA offers privacy and security training. Each program or system may offer training specific to the program or system that touches on information handling procedures and sensitivity of information. Please describe how individuals who have access to PII are trained to handle it appropriately. This question is related to privacy control AR-5, Privacy Awareness and Training.

Personnel that will be accessing information systems must read and acknowledge their receipt and acceptance of the VA National Rules of Behavior (ROB) or VA Contractor’s ROB prior to gaining access to any VA information system or sensitive information. The rules are included as part of the VA Privacy and Security Awareness training which all personnel must complete via the VA’s Talent Management System (TMS). After the user’s initial acceptance of the Rules, the user must re-affirm their acceptance annually as part of the privacy and security awareness training. Acceptance is obtained via electronic acknowledgment and is tracked through the TMS system. The following questions are directed at providing notice to the individual of the scope of information collected, the right to consent to uses of the information, and the right to decline to provide information. System administrators are required to complete additional role-based training. Users with access to PHI are required to complete HIPAA privacy training annually.

8.4 Has Authorization and Accreditation (A&A) been completed for the system?

If Yes, provide:

1. The Security Plan Status,
2. The Security Plan Status Date,
3. The Authorization Status,
4. The Authorization Date,
5. The Authorization Termination Date,
6. The Risk Review Completion Date
7. The FIPS 199 classification of the system (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH).

Please note that all systems containing SPI are categorized at a minimum level of “moderate” under Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 199.

If No or In Process, provide your Initial Operating Capability (IOC) date.

Yes, the Security Plan Status is current at June 11, 2021 and an Authority To Operate was granted on Feb 26, 2021 for 6 months expiring August 25, 2021.

The Risk Review Completion Date is August 6, 2020

The FIPS 199 classification of the system is MODERATE (confidentiality=Moderate, integrity=Moderate, availability=Moderate).
Section 9 – Technology Usage
The following questions are used to identify the technologies being used by the IT system or project.

9.1 Does the system use cloud technology?

If so, Does the system have a FedRAMP provisional or agency authorization? If the system does use cloud technology, but does not have FedRAMP authorization, explain how the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) solution was assessed and what FedRAMP documents and processes were used for the assessment in order to comply with VA Handbook 6517.

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Information Sharing with Third Parties.

No

9.2 Identify the cloud model being utilized.

Example: Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS), Commercial off the Shelf (COTS).

This question is related to privacy control UL-1, Information Sharing with Third Parties.

N/A

9.3 Does the contract with the Cloud Service Provider, Contractors and VA customers establish who has ownership rights over data including PII? (Provide contract number and supporting information about PII/PHI from the contract)

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

N/A

9.4 Will the CSP collect any ancillary data and if so, who has ownership over the ancillary data?
Per NIST 800-144, cloud providers hold significant details about the accounts of cloud consumers that could be compromised and used in subsequent attacks. Ancillary data also involves information the cloud provider collects or produces about customer-related activity in the cloud. It includes data collected to meter and charge for consumption of resources, logs and audit trails, and other such metadata that is generated and accumulated within the cloud environment.

This question is related to privacy control DI-1, Data Quality.

N/A

9.5 NIST 800-144 states, “Organizations are ultimately accountable for the security and privacy of data held by a cloud provider on their behalf.” Is this principle described in contracts with customers? Why or why not?

What are the roles and responsibilities involved between the organization and cloud provider, particularly with respect to managing risks and ensuring organizational requirements are met?

This question is related to privacy control AR-3, Privacy Requirements for Contractors and Service Providers.

N/A

9.6 If the system is utilizing Robotics Process Automation (RPA), please describe the role of the bots.

Robotic Process Automation is the use of software scripts to perform tasks as an automated process that executes in parallel with or in place of human input. For example, will the automation move or touch PII/PHI information. RPA may also be referred to as “Bots” or Artificial Intelligence (AI).

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Signature of Responsible Officials

The individuals below attest that the information provided in this Privacy Impact Assessment is true and accurate.

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APPENDIX A-6.1

Please provide a link to the notice or verbiage referred to in Section 6 (a notice may include a posted privacy policy, a Privacy Act notice on forms).
