

apply with respect to any contract entered into after October 1, 1987.”

**APPLICABILITY OF PREEMPTION PROVISIONS TO CERTAIN CONTRACTS**

Pub. L. 102-396, title IX, §9032, Oct. 6, 1992, 106 Stat. 1908, as amended by Pub. L. 103-50, ch. III, §301, July 2, 1993, 107 Stat. 250, provided in part “That the preemption provisions of section 1103(a) of title 10, United States Code, shall not be limited to contractual provisions relating to coverage of benefits, but shall apply to all contracts entered into pursuant to this general provision, the California and Hawaii recompetition contract, and Solicitation Number MDA 906-92-R-0004 and shall preempt any and all State and local laws and regulations which relate to health insurance or health care plans”.

**APPLICABILITY TO CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SOLICITATION NUMBER MDA-903-87-R-0047**

Pub. L. 100-463, title VIII, §8078(b), Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2270-30, provided that preemption provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1103 shall apply to contracts entered into pursuant to Solicitation Number MDA-903-87-R-0047 and shall preempt State and local laws or regulations which relate to health insurance or prepaid health care plans. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(b) [title VIII, §8104(b)], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-43, 1329-81.

**§ 1104. Sharing of health-care resources with the Department of Veterans Affairs**

(a) **SHARING OF HEALTH-CARE RESOURCES.**—Health-care resources of the Department of Defense shall be shared with health-care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 8111 of title 38 or under section 1535 of title 31.

(b) **REIMBURSEMENT FROM CHAMPUS FUNDS.**—Pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 8111 of title 38 or section 1535 of title 31, the Secretary of a military department may reimburse the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from funds available for that military department for the payment of medical care provided under section 1079 or 1086 of this title.

(c) **CHARGES.**—The Secretary of Defense may prescribe by regulation a premium, deductible, copayment, or other charge for health care provided to covered beneficiaries under this chapter pursuant to an agreement entered into by the Secretary of a military department under section 8111 of title 38 or section 1535 of title 31.

(d) **PROVISION OF SERVICES DURING WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**—Members of the armed forces on active duty during and immediately following a period of war, or during and immediately following a national emergency involving the use of the armed forces in armed conflict, may be provided health-care services by the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 8111A of title 38.

(Added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, §722(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1477; amended Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1052(14), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2499; Pub. L. 103-35, title II, §201(c)(1), May 31, 1993, 107 Stat. 98; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VII, §721(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2595.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “shall” for “may”.

1993—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 103-35, §201(c)(1)(A), substituted “section 8111 of title 38” for “section 8011 of title 38”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-35, §201(c)(1)(B), substituted “section 8111A of title 38” for “section 8011A of title 38”.

1992—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 102-484, §1052(14)(A), substituted “section 8011 of title 38” for “section 5011 of title 38”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-484, §1052(14)(B), substituted “section 8011A of title 38” for “section 5011A of title 38”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-314 effective Oct. 1, 2003, see section 721(c) of Pub. L. 107-314, set out as a note under section 8111 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits.

**§ 1105. Specialized treatment facility program**

(a) **PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Defense may conduct a specialized treatment facility program pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary shall consult with the other administering Secretaries in prescribing regulations for the program and in conducting the program.

(b) **FACILITIES AUTHORIZED TO BE USED.**—Under the specialized treatment facility program, the Secretary may designate health care facilities of the uniformed services and civilian health care facilities as specialized treatment facilities.

(c) **WAIVER OF NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE RESTRICTION.**—Under the specialized treatment facility program, the Secretary may waive, with regard to the provision of a particular service, the 40-mile radius restriction set forth in section 1079(a)(7) of this title if the Secretary determines that the use of a different geographical area restriction will result in a more cost-effective provision of the service.

(d) **CIVILIAN FACILITY SERVICE AREA.**—For purposes of the specialized treatment facility program, the service area of a civilian health care facility designated pursuant to subsection (b) shall be comparable in size to the service areas of facilities of the uniformed services.

(e) **ISSUANCE OF NONAVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE STATEMENTS.**—A covered beneficiary who resides within the service area of a specialized treatment facility designated under the specialized treatment facility program may be required to obtain a nonavailability of health care statement in the case of a specialized service offered by the facility in order for the covered beneficiary to receive the service outside of the program.

(f) **PAYMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO CARE IN SPECIALIZED TREATMENT FACILITIES.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in connection with the treatment of a covered beneficiary under the specialized treatment facility program, the Secretary may provide the following benefits:

(A) Full or partial reimbursement of a member of the uniformed services for the reasonable expenses incurred by the member in transporting a covered beneficiary to or from a health care facility of the uniformed services or a civilian health care facility at which specialized health care services are provided pursuant to this chapter.

(B) Full or partial reimbursement of a person (including a member of the uniformed

services) for the reasonable expenses of transportation, temporary lodging, and meals (not to exceed a per diem rate determined in accordance with implementing regulations) incurred by such person in accompanying a covered beneficiary as a nonmedical attendant to a health care facility referred to in subparagraph (A).

(C) In-kind transportation, lodging, or meals instead of reimbursements under subparagraph (A) or (B) for transportation, lodging, or meals, respectively.

(2) The Secretary may make reimbursements for or provide transportation, lodging, and meals under paragraph (1) in the case of a covered beneficiary only if the total cost to the Department of Defense of doing so and of providing the health care in such case is less than the cost to the Department of providing the health care to the covered beneficiary by other means authorized under this chapter.

(g) COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered beneficiary” means a person covered under section 1079 or 1086 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VII, §715(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1403; amended Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VII, §716(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1691; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VII, §706, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 373.)

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1996—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106 struck out subsec. (h) which read as follows: “EXPIRATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary may not carry out the specialized treatment facility program authorized by this section after September 30, 1995.”

1993—Pub. L. 103-160 substituted “Specialized treatment facility program” for “Issuance of non-availability of health care statements” as section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In determining whether to issue a nonavailability of health care statement for any person entitled to health care in facilities of the uniformed services under this chapter, the commanding officer of such a facility may consider the availability of health care services for such person pursuant to any contract or agreement entered into under this chapter for the provision of health care services within the area served by that facility.”

#### § 1106. Submittal of claims: standard form; time limits

(a) STANDARD FORM.—The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the other administering Secretaries, shall prescribe by regulation a standard form for the submission of claims for the payment of health care services provided under this chapter.

(b) TIME FOR SUBMISSION.—A claim for payment for services provided under this chapter shall be submitted as provided in such regulations as follows:

(1) In the case of services provided outside the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the possessions of the United States, by not later than three years after the services are provided.

(2) In the case of any other services, by not later than one year after the services are provided.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VII, §716(a)(1), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1403; amended

Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VII, §738(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1815; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VII, §712, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1476.)

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2011—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “as follows:” for “not later than one year after the services are provided.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

1997—Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “: standard form; time limits” for “under CHAMPUS” in section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows:

“(a) SUBMITTAL TO CLAIMS PROCESSING OFFICE.—Each provider of services under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services shall submit claims for payment for such services directly to the claims processing office designated pursuant to regulations prescribed under subsection (b). A claim for payment for services shall be submitted in a standard form (as prescribed in the regulations) not later than one year after the services are provided.

“(b) REGULATIONS.—The regulations required by subsection (a) shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense after consultation with the other administering Secretaries.

“(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the requirements of subsection (a) if the Secretary determines that the waiver is necessary in order to ensure adequate access for covered beneficiaries to health care services under this chapter.”

#### REGULATIONS

Section 716(b) of Pub. L. 102-190 provided that: “The regulations required by section 1106 of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), shall be prescribed to take effect not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 5, 1991].”

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF APPEALS PROCESS FOR CLAIMCHECK DENIALS

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VII, §714, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2060, provided that:

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF APPEALS PROCESS.—Not later than January 1, 1999, the Secretary of Defense shall establish an appeals process in cases of denials through the ClaimCheck computer software system (or any other claims processing system that may be used by the Secretary) of claims by civilian providers for payment for health care services provided under the TRICARE program.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 1999, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of this section.”

#### NATIONAL CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR CHAMPUS

Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VII, §711, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2433, provided that:

“(a) CLAIMS PROCESSING SYSTEM REQUIRED.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the other administering Secretaries, shall provide by contract for the operation of a claims processing system to be known as the ‘National Claims Processing System for CHAMPUS’. The Secretary may procure the system in installments, including the use of incremental modules. The system, including completion and integration of all modules, shall be in full operation not later than seven years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 1992].

“(2) The Secretary shall use competitive procedures for entering into any contract or contracts under paragraph (1).

“(b) SYSTEM FUNCTIONS.—The claims processing system shall include at least the following functions:

“(1) The maintenance in electronic or written form, or both, of appropriate information on health care services provided to covered beneficiaries by or through third parties under CHAMPUS or any alternative CHAMPUS program or demonstration project. Such information shall include—