- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, education debt reduction payments under this section shall not be considered as income or resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, any Federal or federally assisted program.
- (e) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary may make education debt reduction payments to an individual under this section for a year only if the Secretary determines that the individual maintained an acceptable level of performance in the position or positions served by the individual during the year.
- (f) NOTIFICATION OF TERMS OF PROVISION OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary shall provide to an individual who receives a payment under this section notice in writing of the terms and conditions that apply to such a payment.
- (g) COVERED COSTS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(3), costs relating to a course of education or training include-
 - (1) tuition expenses; and
 - (2) all other reasonable educational expenses, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title IX, §903(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3462; amended Pub. L. 111-275, title X, §1001(o), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2897.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-275 substituted "paragraph (3)" for "paragraph (2)".

§ 7904. Preferences in awarding financial assist-

In awarding financial assistance under this chapter, the Secretary shall give a preference to qualified individuals who are otherwise eligible to receive the financial assistance in the following order of priority:

- (1) Veterans with service-connected disabil-
 - (2) Veterans.
- (3) Persons described in section 4215(a)(1)(B) of this title.
- (4) Individuals who received or are pursuing degrees at institutions designated by the National Security Agency as Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education.
 - (5) Citizens of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title IX, §903(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3463.)

§ 7905. Requirement of honorable discharge for veterans receiving assistance

No veteran shall receive financial assistance under this chapter unless the veteran was discharged from the Armed Forces under honorable

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title IX, §903(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3464.)

§ 7906. Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title IX, §903(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3464.)

§ 7907. Termination

The authority of the Secretary to make a payment under this chapter shall terminate on July 31, 2017.

(Added Pub. L. 109-461, title IX, §903(a)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3464.)

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1991—Pub. L. 102-86, title IV, §401(b)(2), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 422, inserted "; Enhanced-Use Leases of Real Property" in item for chapter 81.

Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(c)(2), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, substituted "8101" for "5001" in item for chapter 81, "8201" for "5070" in item for chapter 82, "8301" for "5101" in item for chapter 83, and "8501" for "5201" in item for chapter 85.

1972—Pub. L. 92-541, §2(b), Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1107, added item for chapter 82.

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Pub. L. 108-422, title IV, \$411(c)(2), (f), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2389, 2390, provided that, effective at the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs certifies to Congress that the Secretary is in compliance with section 1710B(b) of this title, this analysis is amended by striking out item 8116.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-163, title V, §501(b)(2), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1157, struck out item 8107 "Operational and construction plans for medical facilities"

2008—Pub. L. 110–387, title VII, §708(c), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4140, added item 8119.

2006—Pub. L. 109-461, title II, §211(c)(2), title V, §§502(a)(2), 503(a)(2), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3421, 3435, 3436, added items 8127, 8128, and 8138. 2004—Pub. L. 108–422, title IV, §411(a)(2), Nov. 30, 2004,

118 Stat. 2389, added item 8118.

2003—Pub. L. 108–170, title II, §202(d)(2), Dec. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 2048, substituted "Hearing and notice requirements regarding proposed leases" for "Designation of

property to be leased" in item 8163. 2002—Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title VII, §721(a)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2595, substituted "Sharing of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health care resources" for "Sharing of Department and Department of Defense health-care resources" in item

Pub. L. 107-287, §6(a)(2), Nov. 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 2032, added item 8117.

1997—Pub. L. 105—114, title II, §205(b)(2), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2289, struck out item 8168 "Limitation on number of agreements'

1996—Pub. L. 104–262, title III, §301(d)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3193, substituted "Sharing of health-care resources" for "Specialized medical resources" in item 8153.

1994—Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(h)(5), (6), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4688, inserted "ENHANCED-USE" before "LEASES OF REAL" in chapter heading and "and certain other Federal agencies" after "Department" item 8126.

1992—Pub. L. 102-585, title VI, §603(a)(2), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4975, added item 8126.

Pub. L. 102-405, title I, §103(a)(2), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1975, added items 8157 and 8158.

1991—Pub. L. 102–86, title IV, §401(b)(1), (3), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 422, inserted "; LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY" in chapter heading and added analysis for subchapter V.

Pub. L. 102–83, §4(a)(3), (4), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, substituted "Department and" for "Veterans' Administration and" in item 8111.

Pub. L. 102-54, §14(f)(1), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 287, amended the table of sections as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 102-40 by transferring item 5016 so as to appear immediately after item 5015 and by substituting "payments" for "Payments" in

item 5035.

Pub. L. 102–40, title IV, §402(c)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, renumbered items 5001 to 5056 as 8101 to 8156, respectively.

1988—Pub. L. 100–322, title II, §205(b), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 513, added at end item 5016.

Pub. L. 100-322, title IV, §403(a)(2), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 545, added item 5025.

1986—Pub. L. 99–576, title II, \$223(a)(2), 231(c)(2)(B), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3261, 3264, substituted "Parking facilities" for "Garages and parking facilities" in item 5009 and struck out item 5057 "Reports to Congress".

1985—Pub. L. 99–166, title III, §302(c)(2), Dec. 3, 1985, 99 Stat. 955, substituted "Operational and construction plans for medical facilities" for "Reports to congressional committees" in item 5007.

1982—Pub. L. 97–174, §§ 3(b)(2), 4(b), May 4, 1982, 96 Stat. 74, 75, substituted "Sharing of Veterans' Administration and Department of Defense health-care resources" for "Use of Armed Forces facilities" in item 5011, and added item 5011A.

1979—Pub. L. 96-22, title III, §301(c), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 61, substituted "ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES" for "PROVISIONS RE-LATING TO HOSPITALS AND HOMES" in heading for subchapter I, substituted "Definitions" for "Hospital and domiciliary facilities" in item 5001, "Acquisition of medical facilities" for "Construction and repair of buildings" in item 5002, "Authority to construct and ountaings in item 5002, "Authority to construct and alter, and acquire sites for, medical facilities" for "Use of Armed Forces facilities" in item 5003, "Congressional approval of certain medical facility acquisitions" for "Garages and parking facilities" in item 5004, "Structural requirements" for "Acceptance of certain property" in item 5005, "Construction contracts" for "Property formerly owned by National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers" in item 5006, and "Re-ports to congressional committees" for "Partial relinquishment of legislative jurisdiction" in item 5007, added items 5008 to 5015, and redesignated former items 5011 to 5014 as 5021 to 5024, respectively.

1977—Pub. L. 95-62, §4(c), July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 263, substituted "DOMICILIARY, NURSING HOME, AND