

gible for medical assistance under this subchapter and on whose behalf the individual has the legal authority to execute an assignment of such rights, to support (specified as support for the purpose of medical care by a court or administrative order) and to payment for medical care from any third party;

(B) to cooperate with the State (i) in establishing the paternity of such person (referred to in subparagraph (A)) if the person is a child born out of wedlock, and (ii) in obtaining support and payments (described in subparagraph (A)) for himself and for such person, unless (in either case) the individual is described in section 1396a(l)(1)(A) of this title or the individual is found to have good cause for refusing to cooperate as determined by the State agency in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary, which standards shall take into consideration the best interests of the individuals involved; and

(C) to cooperate with the State in identifying, and providing information to assist the State in pursuing, any third party who may be liable to pay for care and services available under the plan, unless such individual has good cause for refusing to cooperate as determined by the State agency in accordance with standards prescribed by the Secretary, which standards shall take into consideration the best interests of the individuals involved; and

(2) provide for entering into cooperative arrangements (including financial arrangements), with any appropriate agency of any State (including, with respect to the enforcement and collection of rights of payment for medical care by or through a parent, with a State's agency established or designated under section 654(3) of this title) and with appropriate courts and law enforcement officials, to assist the agency or agencies administering the State plan with respect to (A) the enforcement and collection of rights to support or payment assigned under this section and (B) any other matters of common concern.

(b) Such part of any amount collected by the State under an assignment made under the provisions of this section shall be retained by the State as is necessary to reimburse it for medical assistance payments made on behalf of an individual with respect to whom such assignment was executed (with appropriate reimbursement of the Federal Government to the extent of its participation in the financing of such medical assistance), and the remainder of such amount collected shall be paid to such individual.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, §1912, as added Pub. L. 95-142, §11(b), Oct. 25, 1977, 91 Stat. 1196; amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title III, §2367(b), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1109; Pub. L. 99-272, title IX, §9503(e), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 207; Pub. L. 101-508, title IV, §4606(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-170.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 101-508 inserted “the individual is described in section 1396a(l)(1)(A) of this title or” after “unless (in either case)”.

1986—Subsec. (a)(1)(C). Pub. L. 99-272 added subpar. (C).

1984—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-369 substituted “State plan for medical assistance shall” for “State plan for medical assistance may”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 4606(b) of Pub. L. 101-508 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-272 applicable to calendar quarters beginning on or after Apr. 7, 1986, except as otherwise provided, see section 9503(g)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 1396a of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 effective Oct. 1, 1984, except as otherwise provided, see section 2367(c) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 1396a of this title.

### § 1396l. Hospital providers of nursing facility services

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, payment may be made, in accordance with this section, under a State plan approved under this subchapter for nursing facility services furnished by a hospital which has in effect an agreement under section 1395tt of this title and which, with respect to the provision of such services, meets the requirements of subsections (b) through (d) of section 1396r of this title.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), payment to any such hospital, for any nursing facility services furnished pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall be at a rate equal to the average rate per patient-day paid for routine services during the previous calendar year under the State plan to nursing facilities, respectively,<sup>1</sup> located in the State in which the hospital is located. The reasonable cost of ancillary services shall be determined in the same manner as the reasonable cost of ancillary services provided for inpatient hospital services.

(2) With respect to any period for which a hospital has an agreement under section 1395tt of this title, in order to allocate routine costs between hospital and long-term care services, the total reimbursement for routine services due from all classes of long-term care patients (including subchapter XVIII of this chapter, this subchapter, and private pay patients) shall be subtracted from the hospital total routine costs before calculations are made to determine reimbursement for routine hospital services under the State plan.

(3) Payment to all such hospitals, for any nursing facility services furnished pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, may be made at a payment rate established by the State in accordance with the requirements of section 1396a(a)(13)(A) of this title.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, §1913, as added Pub. L. 96-499, title IX, §904(b), Dec. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 2617; amended Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title III, §2369(a), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1110; Pub. L.

<sup>1</sup> So in original, “, respectively,” probably should not appear.

100-203, title IV, § 4211(h)(9), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-206.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-203, § 4211(h)(9)(A), substituted “nursing facility services” for “skilled nursing and intermediate care services” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-203, § 4211(h)(9)(B), substituted “nursing facility services” for “skilled nursing facility services and intermediate care facility services” and inserted “and which, with respect to the provision of such services, meets the requirements of subsections (b) through (d) of section 1396r of this title” before period at end.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 100-203, § 4211(h)(9)(C), substituted “nursing facility services” for “skilled nursing or intermediate care facility services” and “nursing facilities” for “skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 100-203, § 4211(h)(9)(D), substituted “nursing facility services” for “skilled nursing or intermediate care facility services”.

1984—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 98-369, § 2369(a)(1), substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (3), payment” for “Payment”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 98-369, § 2369(a)(2), added par. (3).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-203 applicable to nursing facility services furnished on or after Oct. 1, 1990, without regard to whether regulations implementing such amendment are promulgated by such date, except as otherwise specifically provided in section 1396r of this title, with transitional rule, see section 4214(a), (b)(2) of Pub. L. 100-203, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1396r of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 2369(b) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to payments for services furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on date on which final regulations to implement the section are first issued, see section 904(d) of Pub. L. 96-499, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1395tt of this title.

### § 1396m. Withholding of Federal share of payments for certain medicare providers

#### (a) Adjustment of Federal matching payments

The Secretary may adjust, in accordance with this section, the Federal matching payment to a State with respect to expenditures for medical assistance for care or services furnished in any quarter by—

(1) an institution (A) which has or previously had in effect an agreement with the Secretary under section 1395cc of this title; and (B)(i) from which the Secretary has been unable to recover overpayments made under subchapter XVIII of this chapter, or (ii) from which the Secretary has been unable to collect the information necessary to enable him to determine the amount (if any) of the overpayments made to such institution under subchapter XVIII of this chapter; and

(2) any person (A) who (i) has previously accepted payment on the basis of an assignment under section 1395u(b)(3)(B)(ii) of this title, and (ii) during the annual period immediately preceding such quarter submitted no claims

for payment under subchapter XVIII of this chapter, or submitted claims for payment under subchapter XVIII of this chapter which aggregated less than the amount of overpayments made to him, and (B)(i) from whom the Secretary has been unable to recover overpayments received in violation of the terms of such assignment, or (ii) from whom the Secretary has been unable to collect the information necessary to enable him to determine the amount (if any) of the overpayments made to such person under subchapter XVIII of this chapter.

#### (b) Reductions in payments to and by States

The Secretary may (subject to the remaining provisions of this section) reduce payment to a State under this subchapter for any quarter by an amount equal to the lesser of the Federal matching share of payments to any institution or person specified in subsection (a) of this section, or the total overpayments to such institution or person under subchapter XVIII of this chapter, and may require the State to reduce its payment to such institution or person by such amount.

#### (c) Notice

The Secretary shall not make any adjustment in the payment to a State, nor require any adjustment in the payment to an institution or person, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section until after he has provided adequate notice (which shall be not less than 60 days) to the State agency and the institution or person.

#### (d) Regulations

The Secretary shall by regulation provide procedures for implementation of this section, which procedures shall (1) determine the amount of the Federal payment to which the institution or person would otherwise be entitled under this section which shall be treated as a setoff against overpayments under subchapter XVIII of this chapter, and (2) assure the restoration to the institution or person of amounts withheld under this section which are ultimately determined to be in excess of overpayments under subchapter XVIII of this chapter and to which the institution or person would otherwise be entitled under this subchapter.

#### (e) Restoration to trust funds of recovered amounts

The Secretary shall restore to the trust funds established under sections 1395i and 1395t of this title, as appropriate, amounts recovered under this section as setoffs against overpayments under subchapter XVIII of this chapter.

#### (f) Liability of States for withheld payments

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, an institution or person shall not be entitled to recover from any State any amount in payment for medical care and services under this subchapter which is withheld by the State agency pursuant to an order by the Secretary under subsection (b) of this section.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, § 1914, as added Pub. L. 96-499, title IX, § 905(d), Dec. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 2618.)