

eran under this section shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary considers necessary to identify each individual veteran eligible for payment under such section.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 109-461, title II, §211(a)(1), (2), (b)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3418, 3419; Pub. L. 112-154, title I, §105(a), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1170.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2012—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 112-154, §105(a)(1), substituted in introductory provisions “The Secretary shall enter into a contract (or agreement under section 1720(c)(1) of this title) with each State home for payment by the Secretary for nursing home care provided in the home” for “The Secretary shall pay each State home for nursing home care at the rate determined under paragraph (2)”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 112-154, §105(a)(2), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “The rate determined under this paragraph with respect to a State home is the lesser of—

“(A) the applicable or prevailing rate payable in the geographic area in which the State home is located, as determined by the Secretary, for nursing home care furnished in a non-Department nursing home (as that term is defined in section 1720(e)(2) of this title); or

“(B) a rate not to exceed the daily cost of care, as determined by the Secretary, following a report to the Secretary by the director of the State home.”

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-461, §211(a)(2), added subsec. (b).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-461, §211(b)(1), added subsec. (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-154 applicable to care provided on or after the date that is 180 days after Aug. 6, 2012, with certain exceptions, see section 105(c) of Pub. L. 112-154, set out as a note under 1720 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section and amendment by section 211(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-461 effective 90 days after Dec. 22, 2006, see section 211(a)(5) of Pub. L. 109-461, set out as an Effective Date of 2006 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

### SUBCHAPTER VI—SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

#### § 1751. Screening, counseling, and medical treatment

The Secretary is authorized to carry out a comprehensive program of providing sickle cell anemia screening, counseling, treatment, and information under the provisions of this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 186, §651; renumbered §1751 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 651 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective Sept. 1, 1973, see section 501 of Pub. L. 93-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1973 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

#### § 1752. Research

The Secretary is authorized to carry out research and research training in the diagnosis,

treatment, and control of sickle cell anemia based upon the screening examinations and treatment provided under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 186, §652; renumbered §1752 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 652 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

#### § 1753. Voluntary participation; confidentiality

(a) The participation by any person in any program or portion thereof under this subchapter shall be wholly voluntary and shall not be a prerequisite to eligibility for or receipt of any other service or assistance from, or to participation in, any other program under this title.

(b) Patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential in the same manner and under the same conditions prescribed in section 7332 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 187, §653; amended Pub. L. 94-581, title I, §111(b), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2852; Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239; renumbered §1753, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 653 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-40 substituted “7332” for “4132”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-581 substituted “Patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential in the same manner and under the same conditions prescribed in section 4132 of this title” for “The Administrator shall promulgate rules and regulations to insure that all information and patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential except for (1) such information as the patient (or his guardian) requests in writing to be released or (2) statistical data compiled without reference to patient names or other identifying characteristics”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-581 effective Oct. 21, 1976, see section 211 of Pub. L. 94-581, set out as a note under section 111 of this title.

#### § 1754. Reports

The Secretary shall include in the annual report to the Congress required by section 529 of this title a comprehensive report on the administration of this subchapter, including such recommendations for additional legislation as the Secretary deems necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 187, §654; renumbered §1754 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§2(c)(3), 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 402, 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 654 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in two places.

Pub. L. 102-83, §2(c)(3), substituted “section 529” for “section 214”.