

106–117, title VII, §712, Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1584; renumbered §2054, Pub. L. 107–95, §5(d)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 918.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107–95 renumbered section 3775 of this title as this section.

1999—Pub. L. 106–117 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

SUBCHAPTER VII—OTHER PROVISIONS

**§ 2061. Grant program for homeless veterans with special needs**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall carry out a program to make grants to health care facilities of the Department and to entities eligible for grants and per diem payments under sections 2011 and 2012 of this title in order to encourage development by those facilities and entities of programs for homeless veterans with special needs.

(b) **HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**—For purposes of this section, homeless veterans with special needs include homeless veterans who are—

- (1) women;
- (2) frail elderly;
- (3) terminally ill;
- (4) chronically mentally ill; or
- (5) individuals who have care of minor dependents.

(c) **PROVISION OF SERVICES TO DEPENDENTS.**—A recipient of a grant under subsection (a) may use amounts under the grant to provide services directly to a dependent of a homeless veteran with special needs who is under the care of such homeless veteran while such homeless veteran receives services from the grant recipient under this section.

(d) **FUNDING.**—(1) From amounts appropriated to the Department for “Medical Services” for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2014, \$5,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for the purposes of the program under this section.

(2) The Secretary shall ensure that funds for grants under this section are designated for the first three years of operation of the program under this section as a special purpose program for which funds are not allocated through the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation system.

(Added Pub. L. 107–95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 913; amended Pub. L. 109–461, title VII, §706, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3440; Pub. L. 112–37, §13, Oct. 5, 2011, 125 Stat. 397; Pub. L. 112–154, title III, §§303, 305(d), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1184, 1188; Pub. L. 113–37, §2(f)(3), Sept. 30, 2013, 127 Stat. 524.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 113–37 substituted “2007 through 2014” for “2007 through 2013”.

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112–154, §303(a), substituted “to entities eligible for grants and per diem payments under sections 2011 and 2012 of this title” for “to grant and per diem providers” and “by those facilities and entities” for “by those facilities and providers”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 112–154, §303(b)(1), struck out “, including women who have care of minor dependents” at end.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 112–154, §303(b)(2)–(4), added par. (5).

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 112–154, §303(c), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 112–154, §305(d), which directed amendment of subsec. (c)(1) by substituting “through 2013” for “through 2012”, was executed to subsec. (d)(1) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the intervening amendment by Pub. L. 112–154, §303(c)(1).

2011—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112–37 substituted “2012” for “2011”.

2006—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 109–461 substituted “Medical Services” for “Medical Care” and “fiscal years 2007 through 2011” for “fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113–37 effective Oct. 1, 2013, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 113–37, set out as a note under section 322 of this title.

STUDY OF OUTCOME EFFECTIVENESS OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Pub. L. 107–95, §7, Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 919, required the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study of the effectiveness during fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2004 of the grant program under this section in meeting the needs of homeless veterans with special needs and to submit to Congress a report on the study not later than Mar. 31, 2005.

**§ 2062. Dental care**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of section 1712(a)(1)(H) of this title, outpatient dental services and treatment of a dental condition or disability of a veteran described in subsection (b) shall be considered to be medically necessary, subject to subsection (c), if—

- (1) the dental services and treatment are necessary for the veteran to successfully gain or regain employment;
- (2) the dental services and treatment are necessary to alleviate pain; or
- (3) the dental services and treatment are necessary for treatment of moderate, severe, or severe and complicated gingival and periodontal pathology.

(b) **ELIGIBLE VETERANS.**—Subsection (a) applies to a veteran—

- (1) who is enrolled for care under section 1705(a) of this title; and
- (2) who, for a period of 60 consecutive days, is receiving care (directly or by contract) in any of the following settings:

- (A) A domiciliary under section 1710 of this title.
- (B) A therapeutic residence under section 2032 of this title.
- (C) Community residential care coordinated by the Secretary under section 1730 of this title.
- (D) A setting for which the Secretary provides funds for a grant and per diem provider.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (2), in determining whether a veteran has received treatment for a period of 60 consecutive days, the Secretary may disregard breaks in the continuity of treatment for which the veteran is not responsible.

(c) **LIMITATION.**—Dental benefits provided by reason of this section shall be a one-time course of dental care provided in the same manner as the dental benefits provided to a newly discharged veteran.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 913.)

**§ 2063. Employment assistance**

The Secretary may authorize homeless veterans receiving care through vocational rehabilitation programs to participate in the compensated work therapy program under section 1718 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 914.)

**§ 2064. Technical assistance grants for nonprofit community-based groups**

(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a program to make grants to entities or organizations with expertise in preparing grant applications. Under the program, the entities or organizations receiving grants shall provide technical assistance to nonprofit community-based groups with experience in providing assistance to homeless veterans in order to assist such groups in applying for grants under this chapter and other grants relating to addressing problems of homeless veterans.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out the program under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 914; amended Pub. L. 109-461, title VII, §707, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3440.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-461 amended heading and text of subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "There is authorized to be appropriated \$750,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2005 to carry out the program under this section."

**§ 2065. Annual report on assistance to homeless veterans**

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than June 15 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the activities of the Department during the calendar year preceding the report under programs of the Department under this chapter and other programs of the Department for the provision of assistance to homeless veterans.

(b) GENERAL CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The number of homeless veterans provided assistance under the programs referred to in subsection (a).

(2) The cost to the Department of providing such assistance under those programs.

(3) The Secretary's evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs of the Department in providing assistance to homeless veterans, including—

(A) residential work-therapy programs;

(B) programs combining outreach, community-based residential treatment, and case-management; and

(C) contract care programs for alcohol and drug-dependence or use disabilities.

(4) The Secretary's evaluation of the effectiveness of programs established by recipients

of grants under section 2011 of this title and a description of the experience of those recipients in applying for and receiving grants from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to serve primarily homeless persons who are veterans.

(5) Information on the efforts of the Secretary to coordinate the delivery of housing and services to homeless veterans with other Federal departments and agencies, including—

(A) the Department of Defense;

(B) the Department of Health and Human Services;

(C) the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

(D) the Department of Justice;

(E) the Department of Labor;

(F) the Interagency Council on Homelessness;

(G) the Social Security Administration;

and

(H) any other Federal department or agency with which the Secretary coordinates the delivery of housing and services to homeless veterans.

(6) Any other information on those programs and on the provision of such assistance that the Secretary considers appropriate.

(c) HEALTH CARE CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to programs of the Department addressing health care needs of homeless veterans, the following:

(1) Information about expenditures, costs, and workload under the program of the Department known as the Health Care for Homeless Veterans program (HCHV).

(2) Information about the veterans contacted through that program.

(3) Information about program treatment outcomes under that program.

(4) Information about supported housing programs.

(5) Information about the Department's grant and per diem provider program under subchapter II of this chapter.

(6) The findings and conclusions of the assessments of the medical needs of homeless veterans conducted under section 2034(b) of this title.

(7) Other information the Secretary considers relevant in assessing those programs.

(d) BENEFITS CONTENT OF REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to programs and activities of the Veterans Benefits Administration in processing of claims for benefits of homeless veterans during the preceding year, the following:

(1) Information on costs, expenditures, and workload of Veterans Benefits Administration claims evaluators in processing claims for benefits of homeless veterans.

(2) Information on the filing of claims for benefits by homeless veterans.

(3) Information on efforts undertaken to expedite the processing of claims for benefits of homeless veterans.

(4) Other information that the Secretary considers relevant in assessing the programs and activities.