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**(i) Verification measures**

In carrying out this section, the President shall develop a system, including an electronic database, that shall allow the President, or the designee of the President, to—

(1) verify the identity and address of recipients of assistance under this section to provide reasonable assurance that payments are made only to an individual or household that is eligible for such assistance;

(2) minimize the risk of making duplicative payments or payments for fraudulent claims under this section;

(3) collect any duplicate payment on a claim under this section, or reduce the amount of subsequent payments to offset the amount of any such duplicate payment;

(4) provide instructions to recipients of assistance under this section regarding the proper use of any such assistance, regardless of how such assistance is distributed; and

(5) conduct an expedited and simplified review and appeal process for an individual or household whose application for assistance under this section is denied.

**(j) Rules and regulations**

The President shall prescribe rules and regulations to carry out this section, including criteria, standards, and procedures for determining eligibility for assistance.

(Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, § 408, as added Pub. L. 100-707, title I, § 106(d), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4702; amended Pub. L. 106-390, title II, § 206(a), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1566; Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, §§ 685, 686, 689(c), 689d, 696(c), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1447-1449, 1452, 1461; Pub. L. 113-2, div. B, §§ 1103, 1108(a), Jan. 29, 2013, 127 Stat. 42, 47.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5174, Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, § 404, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 154, related to temporary housing assistance, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-707, § 106(d).

A prior section 408 of Pub. L. 93-288 was classified to section 5178 of this title and to a note set out under section 5178 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-707.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c)(1)(B)(ii) to (iv). Pub. L. 113-2, § 1103, added cl. (ii), redesignated former cls. (ii) and (iii) as (iii) and (iv), respectively, and, in cl. (iv), substituted “clause (iii)” for “clause (ii)”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 113-2, § 1108(a), inserted “child care,” after “dental,” in heading and text.

2006—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-295, § 689(c)(1), inserted “, or with respect to individuals with disabilities, rendered inaccessible or uninhabitable,” after “uninhabitable”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(A)(i). Pub. L. 109-295, § 689d(1), inserted at end “Such assistance may include the payment of the cost of utilities, excluding telephone service.”

Subsec. (c)(1)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 109-295, § 689d(2), inserted “security deposits,” after “hookups.”

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 109-295, § 686(1), struck out subpar. (C) which read as follows: “The amount of assistance provided to a household under this paragraph shall not exceed \$5,000, as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.”

Subsec. (c)(3)(B), (C). Pub. L. 109-295, § 686(2), redesignated subpar. (C) as (B) and struck out former subpar.

(B) which read as follows: “The amount of assistance provided to a household under this paragraph shall not exceed \$10,000, as adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor.”

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 109-295, § 685, in introductory provisions, inserted “or semi-permanent” after “permanent” and struck out “remote” before “locations”.

Subsec. (d)(1)(A)(ii), (iii). Pub. L. 109-295, § 689(c)(2), added cl. (ii) and redesignated former cl. (ii) as (iii).

Subsecs. (i), (j). Pub. L. 109-295, § 696(c), added subsec. (i) and redesignated former subsec. (i) as (j).

2000—Pub. L. 106-390 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text provided for temporary housing assistance through provision of temporary housing, temporary mortgage and rental payment assistance, expenditures to repair or restore owner-occupied private residential structures made uninhabitable by a major disaster which are capable of being restored quickly, and transfer of temporary housing to occupants or to States, local governments, and voluntary organizations, required notification to applicants for assistance, and set out location factors to be given consideration in the provision of assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-390, title II, § 206(d), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1571, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 5192 of this title and repealing section 5178 of this title] take effect 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 2000].”

**§ 5175. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-707, title I, § 105(m)(2), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4696**

Section, Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, § 405, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 155, related to protection of environment.

**§ 5176. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-390, title I, § 104(c)(2), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1559**

Section, Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, § 409, formerly § 406, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 155; renumbered § 409, Pub. L. 100-707, title I, § 106(e), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4703, related to minimum standards for public and private structures.

A prior section 409 of Pub. L. 93-288 was renumbered section 412 by Pub. L. 100-707 and is classified to section 5179 of this title.

**§ 5177. Unemployment assistance**

**(a) Benefit assistance**

The President is authorized to provide to any individual unemployed as a result of a major disaster such benefit assistance as he deems appropriate while such individual is unemployed for the weeks of such unemployment with respect to which the individual is not entitled to any other unemployment compensation (as that term is defined in section 85(b) of title 26) or waiting period credit. Such assistance as the President shall provide shall be available to an individual as long as the individual’s unemployment caused by the major disaster continues or until the individual is reemployed in a suitable position, but no longer than 26 weeks after the major disaster is declared. Such assistance for a week of unemployment shall not exceed the maximum weekly amount authorized under the unemployment compensation law of the State in which the disaster occurred. The President is directed to provide such assistance through agreements with States which, in his judgment, have an adequate system for administering such assistance through existing State agencies.

**(b) Reemployment assistance****(1) State assistance**

A State shall provide, without reimbursement from any funds provided under this chapter, reemployment assistance services under any other law administered by the State to individuals receiving benefits under this section.

**(2) Federal assistance**

The President may provide reemployment assistance services under other laws to individuals who are unemployed as a result of a major disaster and who reside in a State which does not provide such services.

(Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, §410, formerly §407, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 156; renumbered §410 and amended Pub. L. 100-707, title I, §106(e), (f), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4703, 4704.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 93-288, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 143. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5121 of this title and Tables.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 410 of Pub. L. 93-288 was renumbered section 413 by Pub. L. 100-707 and is classified to section 5180 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-707, §106(f)(1)-(3), inserted “for the weeks of such unemployment with respect to which the individual is not entitled to any other unemployment compensation (as that term is defined in section 85(b) of title 26) or waiting period credit” for “is unemployed” before period at end of first sentence, substituted “26 weeks” for “one year” in second sentence, and substituted “occurred” for “occurred, and the amount of assistance under this section to any such individual for a week of unemployment shall be reduced by any amount of unemployment compensation or of private income protection insurance compensation available to such individual for such week of unemployment” in third sentence.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-707, §106(f)(4), inserted heading and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The President is further authorized for the purposes of this chapter to provide reemployment assistance services under other laws to individuals who are unemployed as a result of a major disaster.”

**§ 5177a. Emergency grants to assist low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers****(a) In general**

The Secretary of Agriculture may make grants to public agencies or private organizations with tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of title 26, that have experience in providing emergency services to low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers where the Secretary determines that a local, State or national emergency or disaster has caused low-income migrant or seasonal farmworkers to lose income, to be unable to work, or to stay home or return home in anticipation of work shortages. Emergency services to be provided with assistance received under this section may include such types of assistance as the Secretary of Agriculture determines to be necessary and appropriate.

**(b) “Low-income migrant or seasonal farmworker” defined**

For the purposes of this section, the term “low-income migrant or seasonal farmworker” means an individual—

(1) who has, during any consecutive 12 month period within the preceding 24 month period, performed farm work for wages;

(2) who has received not less than one-half of such individual’s total income, or been employed at least one-half of total work time in farm work; and

(3) whose annual family income within the 12 month period referred to in paragraph (1) does not exceed the higher of the poverty level or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXII, §2281, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3978; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, §10102, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 488.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, and not as part of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act which comprises this chapter.

## AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-171 struck out “, not to exceed \$20,000,000 annually,” after “Secretary of Agriculture may make grants”.

**§ 5178. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-390, title II, § 206(c), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1571**

Section, Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, §411, as added Pub. L. 100-707, title I, §106(g), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4704, related to individual and family grant programs.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective 18 months after Oct. 30, 2000, see section 206(d) of Pub. L. 106-390, set out as an Effective Date of 2000 Amendment note under section 5174 of this title.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5178, Pub. L. 93-288, title IV, §408, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 156, related to individual and family grant programs, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-707, §106(g).

A prior section 411 of Pub. L. 93-288 was renumbered section 414 by Pub. L. 100-707 and is classified to section 5181 of this title.

**§ 5179. Benefits and distribution****(a) Persons eligible; terms and conditions**

Whenever the President determines that, as a result of a major disaster, low-income households are unable to purchase adequate amounts of nutritious food, he is authorized, under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to distribute through the Secretary of Agriculture or other appropriate agencies benefit allotments to such households pursuant to the provisions of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 of 1964<sup>1</sup> (P.L. 91-671; 84 Stat. 2048) [7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.] and to

<sup>1</sup> So in original. See 2008 Amendment note below.