

Pub. L. 95-80 substituted "September 30, 1977" for "July 31, 1977".

Pub. L. 95-60 substituted "July 31, 1977" for "June 30, 1977".

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-383, §316(g), substituted "June 30, 1977" for "October 1, 1974".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-383, §312(a)(1), (2), in cl. (1) inserted "or other mortgagor" after "or organization", and in cl. (3) inserted "or medical practice facility" after "group practice facility".

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 93-383, §304(l), struck out par. (1) which set forth limitation on amount of mortgage.

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 93-383, §312(a)(3), (4), inserted "or medical practice facility" after "group practice facility".

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-117 substituted "October 1, 1974" for "October 1, 1973".

Pub. L. 93-85 substituted "October 1, 1973" for "June 30, 1973".

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-503 substituted "June 30, 1973" for "October 1, 1972".

1970—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-609 substituted "October 1, 1972" for "January 1, 1971".

Pub. L. 91-525 substituted "January 1, 1971" for "December 1, 1970".

Pub. L. 91-473 substituted "December 1, 1970" for "November 1, 1970".

Pub. L. 91-432 substituted "November 1, 1970" for "October 1, 1970".

1969—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-152, §101(i), substituted "October 1, 1970" for "January 1, 1970".

Pub. L. 91-78 substituted "January 1, 1970" for "October 1, 1969".

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 91-152, §418(f), substituted "replacement cost" for "value" wherever appearing.

1968—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 90-448 limited term of mortgage to not more than twenty-five years from beginning of amortization of mortgage.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Oct. 1, 1981, see section 371 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3701 of this title.

#### DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §501, Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1273, provided that: "It is the purpose of this title [enacting this subchapter and amending sections 24, 371, 1715c, and 1715r of this title, section 663 of former Title 11, Bankruptcy, and section 77ddd of Title 15, Commerce and Trade] to assure the availability of credit on reasonable terms to units or organizations engaged in the group practice of medicine, optometry, or dentistry, particularly those in smaller communities and those sponsored by cooperative or other nonprofit organizations, to assist in financing the construction and equipment of group practice facilities."

#### § 1749aaa-1. Premiums and other charges

The Secretary shall fix premium charges for the insurance of mortgages under this subchapter, but such charges shall not be more than 1 per centum per annum of the amount of the principal obligation of the mortgage outstanding at any time, without taking into account delinquent payments or prepayments. In addition to the premium charge, the Secretary is authorized to charge and collect such amounts as he may deem reasonable for the analysis of a proposed project and the appraisal and inspection of the property and improvements. Where the principal obligation of any mortgage accepted for insurance under this subchapter is paid in full prior to the maturity date, the Secretary is authorized to require the payment by the mortgagee of an adjusted premium charge. This charge shall be in such amount as the Secretary deter-

mines to be equitable, but not in excess of the aggregate amount of the premium charges that the mortgagee would otherwise have been required to pay if the mortgage had continued to be insured until the maturity date. Where such prepayment occurs, the Secretary is authorized to refund to the mortgagee for the account of the mortgagor all, or such portion as he shall determine to be equitable, of the current unearned premium charges theretofore paid. Premium charges fixed under this section shall be payable by the mortgagee either in cash, or in debentures which are the obligation of the General Insurance Fund at par plus accrued interest, at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title XI, §1102, as added Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §502(a), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1275.)

#### § 1749aaa-2. Payment of insurance benefits

The mortgagee shall be entitled to receive the benefits of the insurance under this subchapter in the manner provided in subsection (g) of section 1713 of this title with respect to mortgages insured under that section. For such purpose the provisions of subsections (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (n) of such section 1713 shall apply to mortgages insured under this subchapter and all references in such subsections to such section 1713 shall be deemed to refer to this subchapter.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title XI, §1103, as added Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §502(a), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1275.)

#### § 1749aaa-3. Regulations

The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter, after consulting with the Secretary of Health and Human Services with respect to any health or medical aspects of the program under this subchapter which may be involved in such regulations.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title XI, §1104, as added Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §502(a), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1275; amended Pub. L. 98-479, title II, §201(a)(2), Oct. 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 2227.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-479 substituted "Health and Human Services" for "Health, Education, and Welfare".

#### § 1749aaa-4. Administration

##### (a) Technical assistance

At the request of individuals or organizations operating or contemplating the operation of group practice facilities or medical practice facility (as defined in section 1749aaa-5 of this title), the Secretary may provide or obtain technical assistance in the planning for and construction of such facilities.

##### (b) Utilization of services and facilities of Federal agencies; payment; advances or reimbursement

With a view to avoiding unnecessary duplication of existing staffs and facilities of the Federal Government, the Secretary is authorized to utilize available services and facilities of any

agency of the Federal Government in carrying out the provisions of this subchapter, and to pay for such services and facilities, either in advance or by way of reimbursement, in accordance with an agreement between the Secretary and the head of such agency.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title XI, §1105, as added Pub. L. 89-754, title V, §502(a), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1276; amended Pub. L. 93-383, title III, §312(a)(5), Aug. 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 683.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-383 substituted “or medical practice facility (as defined in section 1749aaa-5 of this title)” for “(as defined in section 1749aaa-5(1) of this title)”.

#### § 1749aaa-5. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter—

(1) The term “group practice facility” means a facility in a State for the provision of preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services to ambulatory patients (in which patient care is under the professional supervision of persons licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the State or, in the case of optometric care or treatment, is under the professional supervision of persons licensed to practice optometry in the State, or, in the case of dental diagnosis or treatment, is under the professional supervision of persons licensed to practice dentistry in the State, or, in the case of podiatric care or treatment, is under the professional supervision of persons licensed to practice podiatry in the State) and which is primarily for the provision of such health services by a medical or dental group.

(2) The term “medical practice facility” means an adequately equipped facility in which not more than four persons licensed to practice medicine in the State where the facility is located can provide, as may be appropriate, preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services, and which is situated in a rural area or small town, or in a low-income section of an urban area, in which there exists, as determined by the Secretary, a critical shortage of physicians. As used in this paragraph—

(A) the term “small town” means any town, village, or city having a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants according to the most recent available data compiled by the Bureau of the Census; and

(B) the term “low-income section of an urban area” means a section of a larger urban area in which the median family income is substantially lower, as determined by the Secretary, than the median family income for the area as a whole.

(3) The term “medical or dental group” means a partnership or other association or group of persons licensed to practice medicine, osteopathy, or surgery in the State, or of persons licensed to practice optometry in the State, or of persons licensed to practice dentistry in the State, or of persons licensed to practice podiatry in the State, or of any combination of such persons, who, as their principal professional activity and as a group responsibility, engage or undertake to engage in

the coordinated practice of their profession primarily in one or more group practice facilities, and who (in this connection) share common overhead expenses (if and to the extent such expenses are paid by members of the group), medical and other records, and substantial portions of the equipment and the professional, technical, and administrative staffs, and which partnership or association or group is composed of at least such professional personnel and make available at least such health services as may be provided in regulations prescribed under this subchapter.

(4) The term “group practice unit or organization” means—

(A) a private nonprofit agency or organization undertaking to provide, directly or through arrangements with a medical or dental group, comprehensive medical care, osteopathic care, optometric care, dental care, or podiatric care, or any combination thereof, which may include hospitalization, to members or subscribers primarily on a group practice prepayments basis; or

(B) a private nonprofit agency or organization, established for the purpose of improving the availability of medical, osteopathic, optometric, dental or podiatric care in the community or having some function or functions related to the provision of such care, which will, through lease or other arrangement, make the group practice facility with respect to which assistance has been requested under this subchapter available to a medical or dental group for use by it.

(5) The term “nonprofit organization” means a corporation, association, foundation, trust, or other organization no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual except, in the case of an organization the purposes of which include the provision of personal health services to its members or subscribers or their dependents under a plan of such organization for the provision of such services to them (which plan may include the provision of other services or insurance benefits to them), through the provision of such health services (or such other services or insurance benefits) to such members or subscribers or dependents under such plan.

(6) The term “State” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia.

(7) The term “mortgage” means a first mortgage on real estate in fee simple, or on the interest of either the lessor or lessee thereof (A) under a lease for not less than ninety-nine years which is renewable, or (B) under a lease having a period of not less than fifty years to run from the date the mortgage was executed. The term “first mortgage” means such classes of first liens as are commonly given to secure advances (including but not limited to advances during construction) on, or the unpaid purchase price of, real estate under the laws of the State in which the real estate is located, together with the credit instrument or instruments, if any, secured thereby, and any mort-