

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(22), added subsec. (c).

§ 481j. Travel and transportation allowances: transportation of family members incident to the repatriation of members held captive

(a) ALLOWANCE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CERTAIN OTHERS.—(1) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, travel and transportation described in subsection (d) may be provided for not more than three family members of a member described in subsection (b).

(2) In addition to the family members authorized to be provided travel and transportation under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned may provide travel and transportation described in subsection (d) to an attendant to accompany a family member described in that paragraph if the Secretary determines that—

(A) the family member to be accompanied is unable to travel unattended because of age, physical condition, or other reason determined by the Secretary; and

(B) no other family member who is eligible for travel and transportation under paragraph (1) is able to serve as an attendant for the family member.

(3) If no family member of a member described in subsection (b) is able to travel to the repatriation site of the member, travel and transportation described in subsection (d) may be provided to not more than 2 persons related to and selected by the member.

(4) In circumstances determined to be appropriate by the Secretary concerned, the Secretary may waive the limitation on the number of family members of a member provided travel and transportation allowances under this section.

(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member described in this subsection is a member of the uniformed services who—

(1) is serving on active duty;

(2) was held captive, as determined by the Secretary concerned; and

(3) is repatriated to a site inside or outside the United States.

(c) ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS.—In this section, the term “family member” has the meaning given the term in section 481h(b) of this title.

(d) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED.—(1) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) is round-trip transportation between the home of the family member (or home of the attendant or person provided transportation under paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (a), as the case may be) and the location of the repatriation site at which the member is located.

(2) In addition to the transportation authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may provide a per diem allowance or reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of the travel, or a combination thereof, but not to exceed the rates established for such allowances and expenses under section 474(d) of this title.

(3) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) may be provided by any of the means described in section 481h(d)(1) of this title.

(4) An allowance under this subsection may be paid in advance.

(5) Reimbursement payable under this subsection may not exceed the cost of Government-procured round-trip air travel.

(e) TERMINATION.—No transportation, allowance, reimbursement, or per diem may be provided under this section for travel that begins after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §653(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3312, §411j; renumbered §481j and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(23), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “481h” for “411h” in subssecs. (c) and (d)(3) and “474” for “404” in subsec. (d)(2).

Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411j of this title as this section.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(23), added subsec. (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112-81 as enacted.

§ 481k. Travel and transportation allowances: non-medical attendants for members who are determined to be very seriously or seriously wounded, ill, or injured

(a) ALLOWANCE FOR NON-MEDICAL ATTENDANT.—Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, travel and transportation described in subsection (d) may be provided for a qualified non-medical attendant for a covered member of the uniformed services described in subsection (c) if the attending physician or surgeon and the commander or head of the military medical facility exercising control over the member determine that the presence of such an attendant may contribute to the member’s health and welfare.

(b) QUALIFIED NON-MEDICAL ATTENDANT.—For purposes of this section, a qualified non-medical attendant, with respect to a covered member, is an individual who—

(1) is designated by the member to be a non-medical attendant for the member for purposes of this section; and

(2) is determined by the attending physician or surgeon and the commander or head of the military medical facility to be appropriate to serve as a non-medical attendant for the member and whose presence may contribute to the health and welfare of the member.

(c) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member of the uniformed services covered by this section is a member who—

(1) as a result of a wound, illness, or injury, has been determined by the attending physi-