

nursing home care furnished on or after July 1, 1986, to veterans furnished such care or services on June 30, 1986, but only to the extent that such care is furnished with respect to the same episode of care for which it was furnished on June 30, 1986, see section 19011(f) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

#### 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.

#### INITIAL INCREASE UNDER SUBSECTION (c)

Pub. L. 99-272, title XIX, §19011(c)(3), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 378, provided that the first increase under subsection (c) of this section, as added by section 19011(c)(1) of Pub. L. 99-272, was to take effect on Jan. 1, 1987.

### § 1722A. Copayment for medications

(a)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall require a veteran to pay the United States \$2 for each 30-day supply of medication furnished such veteran under this chapter on an outpatient basis for the treatment of a non-service-connected disability or condition. If the amount supplied is less than a 30-day supply, the amount of the charge may not be reduced.

(2) The Secretary may not require a veteran to pay an amount in excess of the cost to the Secretary for medication described in paragraph (1).

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

(A) to a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more;

(B) to a veteran who is a former prisoner of war; or

(C) to a veteran whose annual income (as determined under section 1503 of this title) does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension which would be payable to such veteran if such veteran were eligible for pension under section 1521 of this title.

(b) The Secretary, pursuant to regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, may—

(1) increase the copayment amount in effect under subsection (a); and

(2) establish a maximum monthly and a maximum annual pharmaceutical copayment amount under subsection (a) for veterans who have multiple outpatient prescriptions.

(c) Amounts collected under this section shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund.

(Added Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8012(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-345, §622A; renumbered §1722A, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; amended Pub. L. 102-139, title V, §518(a), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 779; Pub. L. 102-229, title I, Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1709; Pub. L. 102-568, title VI, §§605(a), 606(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4343; Pub. L. 103-66, title XII, §12002(b), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(e)(7), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4685; Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §§8021(b), 8023(b)(3), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 665, 667; Pub. L. 106-117, title II, §201(a), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1560; Pub. L. 108-7, div. K, title I, §113(c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 108-170, title I, §101(b), Dec. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 2043.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(3)(B), (C). Pub. L. 108-170 added subpar. (B) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-7, §113(c)(1), substituted “under this section” for “under subsection (a)” in first sentence and struck out second sentence which read as follows: “Amounts collected through use of the authority under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Improvement Fund.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-7, §113(c)(2), struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “The provisions of subsection (a) expire on September 30, 2002.”

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), (2), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), (3), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c), substituted “subsection (a)” for “this section”, and inserted at end “Amounts collected through use of the authority under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Improvement Fund.” Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

1997—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-33, §8023(b)(3), substituted “Medical Care Collections Fund” for “Medical-Care Cost Recovery Fund”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-33, §8021(b), substituted “September 30, 2002” for “September 30, 1998”.

1994—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 103-446 substituted “veteran to pay” for “veteran” to pay”.

1993—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-66 substituted “1998” for “1992” in first sentence and struck out at end “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of subsection (a) shall be in effect through September 30, 1997.”

1992—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-568, §605(a)(1), struck out “(other than a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more)” after “require a veteran”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 102-568, §605(a)(2), added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-568, §606(a), inserted at end “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of subsection (a) shall be in effect through September 30, 1997.”

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 622A of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-139, as amended by Pub. L. 102-229, substituted “September 30, 1992” for “September 30, 1991”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 8023(b)(3) of Pub. L. 105-33 effective Oct. 1, 1997, see section 8023(g) of Pub. L. 105-33, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-568, title VI, §605(b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4343, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to medication furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 29, 1992].”

#### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES

Section to remain in effect through the period covered by Pub. L. 102-145, see section 111 of Pub. L. 102-145, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1990 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

Section to remain in effect through the period covered by Pub. L. 102-109, see section 111 of Pub. L. 102-109, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1990 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8012(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-345, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect with respect to medication furnished to a veteran after October 31, 1990, or the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990], whichever is later.”

**§ 1722B. Copayments: waiver of collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans**

The Secretary may waive the imposition or collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 112-154, title I, §103(a), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1169.)

**§ 1723. Furnishing of clothing**

The Secretary shall not furnish clothing to persons who are in Department facilities, except (1) where the furnishing of such clothing to indigent persons is necessary to protect health or sanitation, and (2) where the Secretary furnishes veterans with special clothing made necessary by the wearing of prosthetic appliances.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1144, §623; Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §210(a)(10), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2863; renumbered §1723 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 1723 was renumbered section 3523 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 623 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, §4(a)(3), (4), substituted “Department” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-581 substituted “the Administrator furnishes” for “he furnishes”.

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.

**§ 1724. Hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad**

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall not furnish hospital or domiciliary care or medical services outside any State.

(b)(1) The Secretary may furnish hospital care and medical services outside a State to a veteran who is otherwise eligible to receive hospital care and medical services if the Secretary determines that such care and services are needed for the treatment of a service-connected disability of the veteran or as part of a rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of this title.

(2) Care and services for a service-connected disability of a veteran who is not a citizen of the United States may be furnished under this subsection only—

(A) if the veteran is in the Republic of the Philippines or in Canada; or

(B) if the Secretary determines, as a matter of discretion and pursuant to regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, that it is appropriate and feasible to furnish such care and services.

(c) Within the limits of those facilities of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center at Manila,

Republic of the Philippines, for which the Secretary may contract, the Secretary may furnish necessary hospital care to a veteran for any non-service-connected disability if such veteran is unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. The Secretary may enter into contracts to carry out this section.

(d) The Secretary may furnish nursing home care, on the same terms and conditions set forth in section 1720(a) of this title, to any veteran who has been furnished hospital care in the Philippines pursuant to this section, but who requires a protracted period of nursing home care.

(e) Within the limits of an outpatient clinic in the Republic of the Philippines that is under the direct jurisdiction of the Secretary, the Secretary may furnish a veteran who has a service-connected disability with such medical services as the Secretary determines to be needed.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1144, §624; Pub. L. 86-152, Aug. 11, 1959, 73 Stat. 332; Pub. L. 86-624, §25(a), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 418; Pub. L. 87-815, §4, Oct. 15, 1962, 76 Stat. 927; Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §108, Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 186; Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §§202(l), 210(a)(11), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2856, 2863; Pub. L. 95-520, §3(a), Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1820; Pub. L. 97-72, title I, §107(a), Nov. 3, 1981, 95 Stat. 1051; Pub. L. 97-295, §4(20), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1306; Pub. L. 100-322, title I, §105, May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 493; renumbered §1724 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 106-377, §1(a)(1) [title V, §501(c)], Oct. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 1441, 1441A-58.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 1724 was renumbered section 3524 of this title.

Prior section 1725, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1197, related to period of operation for approval by Administrator, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 92-540, title IV, §402(2), Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1090. See section 3689 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-377 added subsec. (e).

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 624 of this title as this section.

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

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “1720(a)” for “620(a)”.

1988—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-322 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “The Administrator may furnish necessary hospital care and medical services to any otherwise eligible veteran for any service-connected disability if the veteran (1) is a citizen of the United States sojourning or residing abroad, or (2) is in the Republic of the Philippines.”

1982—Pub. L. 97-295 substituted “Hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad” for “Hospital care and medical services abroad” in section catchline, without regard to a prior amendment by Pub. L. 93-82, which had substituted “Hospital care, medical services and nursing home care abroad” for “Hospital care and medical services abroad”. See 1973 Amendment note below.

1981—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-72 struck out “and at the same rate as specified in section 632(a)(4) of this title” after “on the same terms and conditions set forth in section 620(a) of this title”.

1978—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-520 substituted “Veterans Memorial Medical Center” for “Veterans Memorial Hospital”.