

would further the principle of home rule for the District of Columbia.

(b) It is the intent of Congress that—

(1) the District of Columbia have in operation no later than October 1, 1993, an integrated coordinated mental health system in the District which provides—

(A) high quality, cost-effective, and community-based programs and facilities;

(B) a continuum of inpatient and outpatient mental health care, residential treatment, and support services through an appropriate balance of public and private resources; and

(C) assurances that patient rights and medical needs are protected;

(2) the comprehensive District mental health care system be in full compliance with the Federal court consent decree in *Dixon v. Heckler*;

(3) the District and Federal Governments bear equitable shares of the costs of a transition from the present system to a comprehensive District mental health system;

(4) the transition to a comprehensive District mental health system provided for by this subchapter be carried out with maximum consideration for the interests of employees of the Hospital and provide a right-of-first-refusal to such employees for employment at comparable levels in positions created under the system implementation plan;

(5) the Federal Government have the responsibility for the retraining of Hospital employees to prepare such employees for the requirements of employment in a comprehensive District mental health system;

(6) the Federal Government continue high quality mental health research, training, and demonstration programs at Saint Elizabeths Hospital;

(7) the District government establish and maintain accreditation and licensing standards for all services provided in District mental health facilities which assure quality care consistent with appropriate Federal regulations and comparable with standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; and

(8) the comprehensive mental health system plan include a component for direct services for the homeless mentally ill.

(Pub. L. 98-621, § 2, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3369; Pub. L. 102-150, § 3(a), Oct. 31, 1991, 105 Stat. 980.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(4), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 98-621, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3369, known as the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Services Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 102-150 substituted “October 1, 1993” for “October 1, 1991”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-621, § 12, formerly § 11, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3382, renumbered § 12, Pub. L. 102-150, § 4(1), Oct. 31, 1991, 105 Stat. 981, provided that:

“(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this Act [see Short Title note below] shall take effect on October 1, 1985.”

“(b) Section 10 [amending section 324 of this title and repealing sections 161, 164 to 166, 168, 168a, 169, 169a, 170 to 172, 175 to 177, 180 to 185, 191, 192, 194, 195, 195a, 196, 196b, 197 to 204, 206, 211 to 214, 221, and 222 of this title and section 300aa-3 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] shall take effect on October 1, 1987.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-150, § 1, Oct. 31, 1991, 105 Stat. 980, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 225h of this title, amending this section and sections 225b and 225f of this title, and renumbering provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘District of Columbia Mental Health Program Assistance Act of 1991.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 98-621, § 1, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3369, provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter, amending section 324 of this title, repealing sections 161, 164 to 166, 168, 168a, 169, 169a, 170 to 172, 175 to 177, 180 to 185, 191, 192, 194, 195, 195a, 196, 196b, 197 to 204, 206, 211 to 214, 221, and 222 of this title and section 300aa-3 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] may be cited as the ‘Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Services Act.’”

§ 225a. Definitions

For the purpose of this subchapter:

(1) The term “Hospital” means the institution in the District of Columbia known as Saint Elizabeths Hospital operated on November 8, 1984, by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(3) The term “Mayor” means the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

(4) The term “District” means the District of Columbia.

(5) The term “Federal court consent decree” means the consent decree in *Dixon v. Heckler*, Civil Action No. 74-285.

(6) The term “service coordination period” means a period beginning on October 1, 1985, and terminating on October 1, 1987.

(7) The term “financial transition period” means a period beginning on October 1, 1985, and terminating on October 1, 1991.

(8) The term “system implementation plan” means the plan for a comprehensive mental health system for the District of Columbia to be developed pursuant to this subchapter.

(9) The term “Council” means the Council of the District of Columbia.

(Pub. L. 98-621, § 3, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3371.)

§ 225b. Development of plan for mental health system for the District

(a) **Responsibility for mental health services; effective date; final system implementation plan; comprehensive mental health program**

(1) Subject to subsection (g) of this section and section 225g(b)(1) of this title, effective October 1, 1987, the District shall be responsible for the provision of mental health services to residents of the District.

(2) Not later than October 1, 1993, the Mayor shall complete the implementation of the final