

(2) if such action or proceeding is not commenced within six months after the first day in which care and treatment is furnished or paid for by the United States in connection with the injury or disease involved, institute and prosecute legal proceedings against the third person who is liable for the injury or disease or the insurance carrier or other entity responsible for the payment or reimbursement of medical expenses or lost pay, in a State or Federal court, either alone (in its own name or in the name of the injured person, his guardian, personal representative, estate, dependents, or survivors) or in conjunction with the injured or diseased person, his guardian, personal representative, estate, dependents, or survivors.

**(e) Veterans' exception**

The provisions of this section shall not apply with respect to hospital, medical, surgical, or dental care and treatment (including prostheses and medical appliances) furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs to an eligible veteran for a service-connected disability under the provisions of chapter 17 of title 38.

**(f) Crediting of amounts recovered**

(1) Any amount recovered under this section for medical care and related services furnished by a military medical treatment facility or similar military activity shall be credited to the appropriation or appropriations supporting the operation of that facility or activity, as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(2) Any amount recovered under this section for the cost to the United States of pay of an injured or diseased member of the uniformed services shall be credited to the appropriation that supports the operation of the command, activity, or other unit to which the member was assigned at the time of the injury or illness, as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned.

**(g) Definitions**

For the purposes of this section:

(1) The term "uniformed services" has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10.

(2) The term "tortious conduct" includes any tortious omission.

(3) The term "pay", with respect to a member of the uniformed services, means basic pay, special pay, and incentive pay that the member is authorized to receive under title 37 or any other law providing pay for service in the uniformed services.

(4) The term "Secretary concerned" means—

(A) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard (when it is operating as a service in the Navy);

(B) the Secretary of Homeland Security, with respect to the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy;

(C) the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with respect to the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service; and

(D) the Secretary of Commerce, with respect to the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Pub. L. 87-693, §1, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 593; Pub. L. 102-54, §13(q)(8), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 281; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title X, §1075(a), (b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2661, 2663; Pub. L. 109-241, title IX, §902(m), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 568.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Effective date of this Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is the first day of the fourth month following September 1962, see section 4 of Pub. L. 87-693 set out as an Effective Date note below.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (g)(4)(B). Pub. L. 109-241 substituted "of Homeland Security," for "of Transportation."

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(b)(1), inserted "(independent of the rights of the injured or diseased person)" after "a right to recover" and ", or that person's insurer," after "from said third person".

Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(1), (2), inserted "or pay for" after "required by law to furnish" and substituted ", to be furnished, paid for, or to be paid for" for "or to be furnished" in two places.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(3), added subsecs. (b) and (c). Former subsecs. (b) and (c) redesignated (d) and (e), respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(4), (b)(2), substituted "a right under subsections (a), (b), and (c)" for "such right," in introductory provisions, inserted "or paid for" after "treatment is furnished" in par. (2), and inserted "or the insurance carrier or other entity responsible for the payment or reimbursement of medical expenses or lost pay" after "the third person who is liable for the injury or disease" in pars. (1) and (2).

Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(2), redesignated subsec. (b) as (d).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (e).

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 104-201, §1075(a)(5), added subsecs. (f) and (g).

1991—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-54 substituted "Department of Veterans Affairs" for "Veterans' Administration".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title X, §1075(c), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2663, provided that: "The authority to collect pursuant to the amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply to expenses described in the first section of Public Law 87-693 [this section] (as amended by this section) that are incurred, or are to be incurred, by the United States on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 23, 1996], whether the event from which the claim arises occurs before, on, or after that date."

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 87-693, §4, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 594, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] becomes effective on the first day of the fourth month following the month [September 1962] in which enacted."

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 87-693, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 593, which is classified generally to this chapter, is popularly known as the "Federal Medical Care Recovery Act".

**§ 2652. Regulations**

**(a) Determination and establishment of reasonable value of care and treatment**

The President may prescribe regulations to carry out this chapter, including regulations with respect to the determination and establishment of the reasonable value of the hospital, medical, surgical, or dental care and treatment (including prostheses and medical appliances) furnished or to be furnished.

**(b) Settlement, release and waiver of claims**

To the extent prescribed by regulations under subsection (a), the head of the department or agency of the United States concerned may (1) compromise, or settle and execute a release of, any claim which the United States has by virtue of the right established by section 2651 of this title; or (2) waive any such claim, in whole or in part, for the convenience of the Government, or if he determines that collection would result in undue hardship upon the person who suffered the injury or disease resulting in care or treatment described in section 2651 of this title.

**(c) Damages recoverable for personal injury unaffected**

No action taken by the United States in connection with the rights afforded under this legislation shall operate to deny to the injured person the recovery for that portion of his damage not covered hereunder.

(Pub. L. 87-693, § 2, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 593.)

EX. ORD. NO. 11060. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS

Ex. Ord. No. 11060, Nov. 7, 1962, 27 F.R. 10925, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 12608, Sept. 9, 1987, 52 F.R. 34617, provided:

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by Title 3 of the United States Code and by Section 2(a) of the Act of September 25, 1962 (Public Law 87-693) [subsection (a) of this section], it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall, for the purposes of the Act of September 25, 1962, [this chapter], from time to time, determine and establish rates that represent the reasonable value of hospital, medical, surgical, or dental care and treatment (including prostheses and medical appliances) furnished or to be furnished.

SEC. 2. Except as provided in Section 1 of this order, the Attorney General shall prescribe regulations to carry out the purposes of the Act of September 25, 1962 [this chapter].

**§ 2653. Limitation or repeal of other provisions for recovery of hospital and medical care costs**

This chapter does not limit or repeal any other provision of law providing for recovery by the United States of the costs of care and treatment described in section 2651 of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-693, § 3, Sept. 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 594.)

**CHAPTER 33—COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11280

Ex. Ord. No. 11280, May 11, 1966, 31 F.R. 7167, which established the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, was superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 11776, Mar. 28, 1974, 39 F.R. 11865, formerly set out preceding section 6000 of this title.

**SUBCHAPTER I—UNIVERSITY-AFFILIATED FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES****§§ 2661 to 2666. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Sections 2661 to 2666 were superseded in the general amendment of part B of title I of Pub. L. 88-164 (this subchapter) by Pub. L. 94-103, title I, § 105, title III,

§ 303, Oct. 4, 1975, 89 Stat. 486, 507, effective with respect to appropriations under Pub. L. 94-103 for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1975.

Section 2661, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 121, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 284; Pub. L. 90-170, § 2(a), (b), (d), Dec. 4, 1967, 81 Stat. 527; Pub. L. 91-517, title II, § 201(a), (b), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1325, related to authorization of appropriations.

Section 2661a, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 122, as added Pub. L. 91-517, title II, § 202, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326; amended Pub. L. 93-45, title III, § 301(a), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 95; Pub. L. 94-103, title I, § 101(a), Oct. 4, 1975, 89 Stat. 486, related to demonstration and training grants and authorization of appropriations for such grants.

Section 2662, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 123, formerly § 122, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 284; renumbered § 123 and amended Pub. L. 91-517, title II, §§ 202, 203, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326, related to applications for grants and conditions for approval by Secretary.

Section 2663, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 124, formerly § 123, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 285; renumbered § 124 and amended Pub. L. 91-517, title II, §§ 202, 204, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326, related to amount of grants, including maximum payments, advances or reimbursement, and conditions for payment.

Section 2664, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 125, formerly § 124, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 285; renumbered § 125 and amended Pub. L. 91-517, title II, §§ 201(c), 202, 205, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326, related to recovery of expenditures under certain conditions.

Section 2665, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 126, formerly § 125, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 285; amended Pub. L. 90-170, § 2(c), Dec. 4, 1967, 81 Stat. 527; renumbered § 126 and amended Pub. L. 91-517, title II, §§ 201(c), 202, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326, related to nonduplication of grants.

Section 2666, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 127, as added Pub. L. 91-517, title II, § 206, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1326, related to maintenance of effort.

**SUBCHAPTER II—GRANTS FOR PLANNING, PROVISION OF SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES****§ 2670. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-103, title III, § 302(c), Oct. 4, 1975, 89 Stat. 507**

Section, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 130, as added Pub. L. 91-517, title I, § 101(b), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1316, contained the declaration of purpose for provisions respecting grants for planning, provision of services, and construction and operation of facilities for persons with developmental disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective with respect to appropriations under Pub. L. 94-103 for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1975, see Pub. L. 94-103, title III, § 303, Oct. 4, 1975, 89 Stat. 507.

**§§ 2671 to 2674. Transferred**

CODIFICATION

Section 2671, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 131, as added Pub. L. 91-517, title I, § 101(b), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1317, which related to authorization of appropriations, was transferred to former section 6061 of this title.

A prior section 2671, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 131, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 90-170, § 3(a), Dec. 4, 1967, 81 Stat. 528, authorized appropriations through fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, for grants for construction of mental retardation facilities.

Section 2672, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 132, as added Pub. L. 91-517, title I, § 101(b), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1317, which related to allotments to States, was transferred to former section 6062 of this title.

A prior section 2672, Pub. L. 88-164, title I, § 132, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 89-105, § 2(a), Aug. 4, 1965,