

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(b) [title VIII, §8104(b)], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-43, 1329-81.

**§ 1104. Sharing of health-care resources with the Department of Veterans Affairs**

(a) SHARING OF HEALTH-CARE RESOURCES.—Health-care resources of the Department of Defense shall be shared with health-care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 8111 of title 38 or under section 1535 of title 31.

(b) REIMBURSEMENT FROM CHAMPUS FUNDS.—Pursuant to an agreement entered into under section 8111 of title 38 or section 1535 of title 31, the Secretary of a military department may reimburse the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from funds available for that military department for the payment of medical care provided under section 1079 or 1086 of this title.

(c) CHARGES.—The Secretary of Defense may prescribe by regulation a premium, deductible, copayment, or other charge for health care provided to covered beneficiaries under this chapter pursuant to an agreement entered into by the Secretary of a military department under section 8111 of title 38 or section 1535 of title 31.

(d) PROVISION OF SERVICES DURING WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Members of the armed forces on active duty during and immediately following a period of war, or during and immediately following a national emergency involving the use of the armed forces in armed conflict, may be provided health-care services by the Department of Veterans Affairs in accordance with section 8111A of title 38.

(Added Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VII, §722(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1477; amended Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, §1052(14), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2499; Pub. L. 103-35, title II, §201(c)(1), May 31, 1993, 107 Stat. 98; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VII, §721(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2595.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “shall” for “may”.

1993—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 103-35, §201(c)(1)(A), substituted “section 8111 of title 38” for “section 8011 of title 38”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-35, §201(c)(1)(B), substituted “section 8111A of title 38” for “section 8011A of title 38”.

1992—Subsecs. (a) to (c). Pub. L. 102-484, §1052(14)(A), substituted “section 8011 of title 38” for “section 5011 of title 38”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-484, §1052(14)(B), substituted “section 8011A of title 38” for “section 5011A of title 38”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-314 effective Oct. 1, 2003, see section 721(c) of Pub. L. 107-314, set out as a note under section 8111 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits.

**§ 1105. Specialized treatment facility program**

(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Defense may conduct a specialized treatment facility program pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary shall consult with the other administering Secretaries in prescribing regulations for the program and in conducting the program.

(b) FACILITIES AUTHORIZED TO BE USED.—Under the specialized treatment facility pro-

gram, the Secretary may designate health care facilities of the uniformed services and civilian health care facilities as specialized treatment facilities.

(c) WAIVER OF NONEMERGENCY HEALTH CARE RESTRICTION.—Under the specialized treatment facility program, the Secretary may waive, with regard to the provision of a particular service, the 40-mile radius restriction set forth in section 1079(a)(6) of this title if the Secretary determines that the use of a different geographical area restriction will result in a more cost-effective provision of the service.

(d) CIVILIAN FACILITY SERVICE AREA.—For purposes of the specialized treatment facility program, the service area of a civilian health care facility designated pursuant to subsection (b) shall be comparable in size to the service areas of facilities of the uniformed services.

(e) ISSUANCE OF NONAVAILABILITY OF HEALTH CARE STATEMENTS.—A covered beneficiary who resides within the service area of a specialized treatment facility designated under the specialized treatment facility program may be required to obtain a nonavailability of health care statement in the case of a specialized service offered by the facility in order for the covered beneficiary to receive the service outside of the program.

(f) PAYMENT OF COSTS RELATED TO CARE IN SPECIALIZED TREATMENT FACILITIES.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), in connection with the treatment of a covered beneficiary under the specialized treatment facility program, the Secretary may provide the following benefits:

(A) Full or partial reimbursement of a member of the uniformed services for the reasonable expenses incurred by the member in transporting a covered beneficiary to or from a health care facility of the uniformed services or a civilian health care facility at which specialized health care services are provided pursuant to this chapter.

(B) Full or partial reimbursement of a person (including a member of the uniformed services) for the reasonable expenses of transportation, temporary lodging, and meals (not to exceed a per diem rate determined in accordance with implementing regulations) incurred by such person in accompanying a covered beneficiary as a nonmedical attendant to a health care facility referred to in subparagraph (A).

(C) In-kind transportation, lodging, or meals instead of reimbursements under subparagraph (A) or (B) for transportation, lodging, or meals, respectively.

(2) The Secretary may make reimbursements for or provide transportation, lodging, and meals under paragraph (1) in the case of a covered beneficiary only if the total cost to the Department of Defense of doing so and of providing the health care in such case is less than the cost to the Department of providing the health care to the covered beneficiary by other means authorized under this chapter.

(g) COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered beneficiary” means a person covered under section 1079 or 1086 of this title.