

as a resident of a facility of the Retirement Home may be admitted to that facility if the spouse—

- (A) is a covered beneficiary within the meaning of section 1072(5) of title 10;
- (B) is not ineligible to become a resident as provided in subsection (b); and
- (C) submits an application for admittance in accordance with subsection (c).

**(2) Treatment as resident**

A spouse admitted in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be a resident of the Retirement Home consistent with this chapter, except as the Chief Operating Officer may otherwise provide.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1512, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1724; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XIV, §§1404(b)(1)(A), 1405(a), 1410(b)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1260, 1261, 1266; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §§564(b)(1), 567(c)(6), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1424, 1426; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §618(f), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2160; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XIV, §1412, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2090.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (e)(2), was in the original “this Act”, and was translated as meaning title XV of Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1722, known as the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991, which is classified principally to this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title XV to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 401 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (d) relating to persons eligible to be residents, persons ineligible to be residents, acceptance, and priorities for acceptance, respectively.

2016—Subsec. (a)(3)(A). Pub. L. 114-328 inserted “or 351” after “section 310”.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §567(c)(6), made technical amendment to section catchline.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §564(b)(1), substituted “Administrator” for “Director”.

2001—Subsecs. (a), (c), (d). Pub. L. 107-107, §1404(b)(1)(A), substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Retirement Home Board” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-107, §1405(a), struck out heading and text of subsec. (e). Text read as follows: “A resident of the Retirement Home who leaves the Retirement Home for more than 45 consecutive days (other than for inpatient medical care) shall be required to reapply for acceptance as a resident.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-107, §1410(b)(1), struck out heading and text of subsec. (f). Text read as follows: “Residents of the Naval Home and the United States Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Home as of the effective date specified in section 1541(a)—

“(1) shall not be required to apply for acceptance as residents of the Retirement Home; and

“(2) shall become residents of the Retirement Home on that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective one year after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 1541(a) of Pub. L. 101-510, formerly set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

**§ 413. Services provided to residents**

**(a) Services provided**

Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), a resident of the Retirement Home shall re-

ceive the services authorized by the Chief Operating Officer.

**(b) Medical and dental care**

The Retirement Home shall provide for the overall health care needs of residents in a high quality and cost-effective manner, including on site primary care, medical care, and a continuum of long-term care services. The services provided residents of the Retirement Home shall include appropriate nonacute medical and dental services, pharmaceutical services, and transportation of residents, which shall be provided at no cost to residents. Secondary and tertiary hospital care for residents that is not available at a facility of the Retirement Home shall, to the extent available, be obtained by agreement with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense in a facility administered by such Secretary. Except as provided in subsection (d), the Retirement Home shall not be responsible for the costs incurred for such care by a resident of the Retirement Home who uses a private medical facility for such care. The Retirement Home may not construct an acute care facility.

**(c) Availability of physicians and dentists**

(1) In providing for the health care needs of residents at a facility of the Retirement Home under subsection (b), the Retirement Home shall have a physician and a dentist—

(A) available at the facility during the daily business hours of the facility; and

(B) available on an on-call basis at other times.

(2) The physicians and dentists required by this subsection shall have the skills and experience suited to residents of the facility served by the physicians and dentists.

(3) To ensure the availability of health care services for residents of a facility of the Retirement Home, the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Medical Director, shall establish uniform standards, appropriate to the medical needs of the residents, for access to health care services during and after the daily business hours of the facility.

**(d) Transportation to medical care outside Retirement Home facilities**

(1) With respect to each facility of the Retirement Home, the Retirement Home shall provide daily scheduled transportation to nearby medical facilities used by residents of the facility. The Retirement Home may provide, based on a determination of medical need, unscheduled transportation for a resident of the facility to any medical facility located not more than 30 miles from the facility for the provision of necessary and urgent medical care for the resident.

(2) The Retirement Home may not collect a fee from a resident for transportation provided under this subsection.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1513, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1725; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §366(c), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1630; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XIV, §§1404(b)(1)(B), 1410(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1260, 1266; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §909(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3404; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XIV,

§1422(c), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §567(c)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1426.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “Services provided to residents” for “Services provided residents” in section catchline.

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-181 inserted after first sentence “The services provided residents of the Retirement Home shall include appropriate nonacute medical and dental services, pharmaceutical services, and transportation of residents, which shall be provided at no cost to residents.”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(1), substituted “subsections (b), (c), and (d)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(2), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (d), the” for “The”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(3), added subsecs. (c) and (d).

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-107, §1404(b)(1)(B), substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Retirement Home Board”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-107, §1410(a)(1), struck out “maintained as a separate establishment” after “available at a facility” in second sentence.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-160 added second and third sentences and struck out former second sentence which read as follows: “Secondary and tertiary hospital care for residents that is not available at the Retirement Home shall be obtained through agreements with facilities administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense or at private facilities.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective one year after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 1541(a) of Pub. L. 101-510, formerly set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

### § 413a. Oversight of health care provided to residents

#### (a) Designation of Senior Medical Advisor

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall designate the Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency to serve as the Senior Medical Advisor for the Retirement Home.

(2) The Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency shall serve as Senior Medical Advisor for the Retirement Home in addition to performing all other duties and responsibilities assigned to the Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency at the time of the designation under paragraph (1) or afterward.

#### (b) Responsibilities

The Senior Medical Advisor shall provide advice to the Secretary of Defense, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Advisory Council regarding the direction and oversight of—

- (1) medical administrative matters at each facility of the Retirement Home; and
- (2) the provision of medical care, preventive mental health, and dental care services at each facility of the Retirement Home.

#### (c) Duties

In carrying out the responsibilities set forth in subsection (b), the Senior Medical Advisor shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Facilitate and monitor the timely availability to residents of the Retirement Home such medical, mental health, and dental care services as such residents may require at locations other than the Retirement Home.

(2) Monitor compliance by the facilities of the Retirement Home with accreditation standards, applicable nationally recognized health care standards and requirements, or any other applicable health care standards and requirements (including requirements identified in applicable reports of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense).

(3) Periodically visit each facility of the Retirement Home to review—

(A) the medical facilities, medical operations, medical records and reports, and the quality of care provided to residents; and

(B) inspections and audits to ensure that appropriate follow-up regarding issues and recommendations raised by such inspections and audits has occurred.

(4) Report on the findings and recommendations developed as a result of each review conducted under paragraph (3) to the Chief Operating Officer, the Advisory Council, and the Secretary of Defense.

#### (d) Advisory bodies

In carrying out the responsibilities set forth in subsection (b) and the duties set forth in subsection (c), the Senior Medical Advisor may establish and seek the advice of such advisory bodies as the Senior Medical Advisor considers appropriate.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1513A, as added Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XIV, §1422(d)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 420; amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §§562, 567(c)(3), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1420, 1426; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VII, §721, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3417; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XIV, §1413(a)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1707; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XIV, §1413, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2092.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-232, §1413(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “Ensure the timely availability to residents of the Retirement Home, at locations other than the Retirement Home, of such acute medical, mental health, and dental care as such resident may require that is not available at the applicable facility of the Retirement Home.”

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-232, §1413(2), substituted “Monitor” for “Ensure”.

2017—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(a)(1)(A), struck out “the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,” after “Secretary of Defense,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(a)(1)(B), substituted “the Secretary of Defense” for “the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness”.

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-291, §721(a), substituted “Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency” for “Deputy Director of the TRICARE Management Activity” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 113-291, §721(b), substituted “nationally recognized health care standards and requirements” for “health care standards of the Department of Veterans Affairs”.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §567(c)(3), substituted “Oversight of health care provided to residents” for “Improved health care oversight of Retirement Home” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81, §562(a), substituted “The” for “(1) The” and “the Chief Operating Officer, and the Advisory Council regarding the direction and oversight of—” for “the Chief Operating Officer regarding the di-