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AMENDMENTS

- 2018—Pub. L. 115–182, title I, §§101(a)(2), 102(b), 104(b), 105(c), 109(b), 111(b), 134(b), 151(b), 152(b), 153(b), June 6, 2018, 132 Stat. 1403, 1408, 1411, 1413, 1418, 1421, 1429, 1431, 1437, 1438, substituted “Veterans Community Care Program” for “Contracts for hospital care and medical services in non-Department facilities” in item 1703, and added items 1703A to 1703E, 1706A, 1725A, 1730B, 1730C, and 1788.
 Pub. L. 115–159, §2(c), Mar. 27, 2018, 132 Stat. 1245, substituted “Nursing home care, adult day health care, and medications for veterans with service-connected disabilities” for “Nursing home care and medications for veterans with service-connected disabilities” in item 1745.
 Pub. L. 115–141, div. J, title II, §258(b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 828, added item 1720I.
 2016—Pub. L. 114–315, title VI, §§604(b), 605(c), 606(b), title VIII, §802(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1571, 1572, 1575, 1591, added items 1705A, 1720H, and 1784A and substituted “Traumatic brain injury: comprehensive program for long-term rehabilitation” for “Traumatic brain injury: comprehensive plan for long-term rehabilitation” in item 1710D and “Traumatic brain injury: use of non-Department facilities for rehabilitation” for “Traumatic brain injury: use of non-Departmental facilities for rehabilitation” in item 1710E.
 Pub. L. 114–218, §2(a)(2), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 843, added item 1712C.

2015—Pub. L. 114-2, §2(a)(2), Feb. 12, 2015, 129 Stat. 31, added item 1709B.

2012—Pub. L. 112-154, title I, §§102(b)(2), 103(b), 106(b), 108(a)(2), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1168, 1169, 1173, 1174, added items 1709, 1709A, 1722B, and 1787.

2010—Pub. L. 111-163, title I, §§101(a)(2), 103(c), title II, §206(b), title V, §511(b), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1137, 1140, 1146, 1164, added items 1720G, 1730A, 1782, and 1786 and struck out former item 1782 "Counseling, training, and mental health services for immediate family members".

2008—Pub. L. 110-387, title IV, §406(b), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4130, added item 1729B.

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XVII, §§1702(b), 1703(b), 1708(a)(3), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 489, 490, 494, substituted "Presumptions: psychosis after service in World War II and following periods of war; mental illness following service in the Persian Gulf War" for "Presumption relating to psychosis" in item 1702 and added items 1710C to 1710E.

2007—Pub. L. 110-110, §3(a)(2), Nov. 5, 2007, 121 Stat. 1033, which directed amendment of the analysis for this chapter by adding item 1720F at the end, was executed by adding item 1720F after item 1720E, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2006—Pub. L. 109-461, title II, §211(a)(4), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3419, added item 1745.

2004—Pub. L. 108-422, title II, §201(a)(2), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2382, added item 1744.

2003—Pub. L. 108-7, div. K, title I, §113(a)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 482, struck out item 1729B "Health Services Improvement Fund".

2002—Pub. L. 107-287, §4(a)(2), Nov. 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 2029, added item 1785.

Pub. L. 107-135, title II, §§201(b)(2), 208(f)(1), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2457, 2464, substituted "Limitations" for "Restriction on use of funds for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing" in item 1707, struck out item 1713 "Medical care for survivors and dependents of certain veterans", substituted "guide dogs; service dogs" for "seeing-eye dogs" in item 1714, and added item for subchapter VIII and items 1781 to 1784.

2001—Pub. L. 107-95, §5(g)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 918, struck out subchapter VII heading "TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS" and items 1771 "General treatment", 1772 "Therapeutic housing", 1773 "Additional services at certain locations", and 1774 "Coordination with other agencies and organizations".

2000—Pub. L. 106-419, title II, §221(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1845, added item 1708.

1999—Pub. L. 106-117, title I, §§101(a)(2), (c)(2), 111(b)(2), title II, §202(b), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1548, 1549, 1556, 1561, added items 1710A, 1710B, 1725, and 1729B.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title IX, §901(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3360, added item 1720E.

1997—Pub. L. 105-114, title II, §§202(d), 206(b)(3), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2287, 2289, substituted "Treatment and rehabilitative services for persons with drug or alcohol dependency" for "Treatment and rehabilitation for alcohol or drug dependence or abuse disabilities" in item 1720A, struck out "pilot program" after "home care" in item 1720C, and added item for subchapter VII and items 1771 to 1774.

Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §8023(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 667, added item 1729A.

Pub. L. 105-12, §9(i)(2), Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 27, added item 1707.

1996—Pub. L. 104-262, title I, §§101(c)(2)(B), 104(a)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3179, 3184, added items 1705 and 1706 and substituted "Dental care; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines" for "Eligibility for outpatient services" in item 1712.

1994—Pub. L. 103-452, title I, §101(f)(2)(B), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4784, substituted "and treatment" for "to women veterans" in item 1720D.

1992—Pub. L. 102-585, title I, §102(a)(2), title V, §§512(b), 514(b), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4946, 4958, added items 1704 and 1720D and struck out subchapter VII heading "PREVENTIVE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES

PILOT PROGRAM" and items 1761 "Purpose", 1762 "Definition", 1763 "Preventive health-care services", and 1764 "Reports".

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 601 to 664 as 1701 to 1764, respectively.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(5), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, substituted "non-Department" for "non-Veterans' Administration" in item 603.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8012(a)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-345, added item 622A.

Pub. L. 101-366, title II, §201(a)(2), Aug. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 438, added item 620C.

1988—Pub. L. 100-322, title I, §§101(h)(2), 115(g)(2), May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 492, 502, substituted "Eligibility for outpatient services" for "Eligibility for medical treatment" in item 612, substituted "Home health services; invalid" for "Invalid" in item 617, and struck out item 620C "Community based psychiatric residential treatment for chronically mentally ill veterans".

1987—Pub. L. 100-6, §2(b), Feb. 12, 1987, 101 Stat. 94, added item 620C.

1986—Pub. L. 99-576, title II, §201(a)(2), 100 Stat. 3254, added item 620B.

Pub. L. 99-272, title XIX, §§1901(c)(2), 19012(b)(2), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 378, 382, added item 603, and substituted "Determination" for "Evidence" and inserted "income thresholds" in item 622.

1985—Pub. L. 99-166, title I, §§101(b)(2), 107(b), Dec. 3, 1985, 99 Stat. 943, 946, added item 612B and struck out "pilot program" after "disabilities" in item 620A.

1983—Pub. L. 98-160, title I, §§103(a)(3), 104(b), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 996, 998, inserted "adult day health care" in item 620 and added item 630.

1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §4(15), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1306, substituted "Hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad" for "Hospital care and medical services abroad" in item 624.

1981—Pub. L. 97-72, title I, §§106(a)(2), 107(c)(2), (d)(2), Nov. 3, 1981, 95 Stat. 1051, 1052, 1053, added item 629, substituted "HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR VETERANS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES" for "HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE FOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ARMY VETERANS" in item relating to subchapter IV, and substituted "Contracts and grants to provide for the care and treatment of United States veterans by the Veterans Memorial Medical Center" for "Contracts and grants to provide hospital care, medical services and nursing home care" in item 632.

1980—Pub. L. 96-330, title IV, §401(b), Aug. 26, 1980, 94 Stat. 1051, substituted "Evidence of inability to defray necessary expenses" for "Statement under oath" in item 622.

1979—Pub. L. 96-22, title I, §§103(a)(2), 104(b), 105(b), 106(b), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 50, 51, 53, added items 612A, 620A, 634, and 661 to 664 and redesignated former item 634 as 635.

1977—Pub. L. 95-62, §4(b), July 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 263, struck out item 644 "Authorization of appropriations".

1976—Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §§202(a), 203(b), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2855, 2856, inserted "NURSING HOME," in chapter heading, and, in analysis of subchapter headings and section catchlines, inserted "NURSING HOME" in item for subchapter II, inserted "nursing home" in item 610, substituted "Care" for "Hospitalization" in item 611, and inserted "AND NURSING HOME" in item for subchapter III.

1973—Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §§103(c), 106(b), 107(b), 109(b), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 182, 184, 186, 187, substituted "Medical care for survivors and dependents of certain veterans" and "Fitting and training in use of prosthetic appliances; seeing-eye dogs" for "Fitting and training in use of prosthetic appliances" and "Seeing-eye dogs" in items 613 and 614 respectively, substituted "natural disaster" for "fire" in item 626, added item 628, substituted "Assistance to the Republic of the Philippines" and "Contracts and grants to provide hospital care, medical services and nursing home care" for "Grants to the Republic of the Philippines" and "Modi-

fication of agreement with the Republic of the Philippines effectuating the Act of July 1, 1948" in items 631 and 632, respectively, and added "SUBCHAPTER VI—SICKLE CELL ANEMIA" comprising items 651 to 654.

Pub. L. 93-43, §4(c)(2), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 79, struck out item 625 "Arrests for crimes in hospitals and domiciliary reservations".

1969—Pub. L. 91-178, §2(b), Dec. 30, 1969, 83 Stat. 837, added item 644.

1968—Pub. L. 90-493, §3(b), Aug. 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 809, substituted "Invalid lifts and other devices" for "Invalid lifts and other devices for pensioners" in item 617.

1964—Pub. L. 88-450, §§2(b), 6(b), Aug. 19, 1964, 78 Stat. 500, 504, inserted "and other devices" in item 617 and added item 620.

1962—Pub. L. 87-850, §1(b), Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1126, added item 619.

Pub. L. 87-574, §2(2), Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 308, added item 618.

1959—Pub. L. 86-211, §7(b), Aug. 29, 1959, 73 Stat. 436, added item 617.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 1701. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) The term "disability" means a disease, injury, or other physical or mental defect.

(2) The term "veteran of any war" includes any veteran awarded the Medal of Honor.

(3) The term "facilities of the Department" means—

(A) facilities over which the Secretary has direct jurisdiction;

(B) Government facilities for which the Secretary contracts; and

(C) public or private facilities at which the Secretary provides recreational activities for patients receiving care under section 1710 of this title.

(4) The term "non-Department facilities" means facilities other than Department facilities.

(5) The term "hospital care" includes—

(A)(i) medical services rendered in the course of the hospitalization of any veteran, and (ii) travel and incidental expenses pursuant to the provisions of section 111 of this title;

(B) such mental health services, consultation, professional counseling, marriage and family counseling, and training for the members of the immediate family or legal guardian of a veteran, or the individual in whose household such veteran certifies an intention to live, as the Secretary considers appropriate for the effective treatment and rehabilitation of a veteran or dependent or survivor of a veteran receiving care under the last sentence of section 1781(b) of this title; and

(C)(i) medical services rendered in the course of the hospitalization of a dependent or survivor of a veteran receiving care under the last sentence of section 1781(b) of this title, and (ii) travel and incidental expenses for such dependent or survivor under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title.

(6) The term "medical services" includes, in addition to medical examination, treatment, and rehabilitative services, the following:

(A) Surgical services.

(B) Dental services and appliances as described in sections 1710 and 1712 of this title.

(C) Optometric and podiatric services.

(D) Preventive health services.

(E) Noninstitutional extended care services, including alternatives to institutional extended care that the Secretary may furnish directly, by contract, or through provision of case management by another provider or payer.

(F) In the case of a person otherwise receiving care or services under this chapter—

(i) wheelchairs, artificial limbs, trusses, and similar appliances;

(ii) special clothing made necessary by the wearing of prosthetic appliances; and

(iii) such other supplies or services as the Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary.

(G) Travel and incidental expenses pursuant to section 111 of this title.

(H) Chiropractic services.

(7) The term "domiciliary care" includes necessary medical services and travel and incidental expenses pursuant to the provisions of section 111 of this title.

(8) The term "rehabilitative services" means such professional, counseling, chiropractic, and guidance services and treatment programs as are necessary to restore, to the maximum extent possible, the physical, mental, and psychological functioning of an ill or disabled person.

(9) The term "preventive health services" means—

(A) periodic medical and dental examinations;

(B) patient health education (including nutrition education);

(C) maintenance of drug use profiles, patient drug monitoring, and drug utilization education;

(D) mental health preventive services;

(E) substance abuse prevention measures;

(F) chiropractic examinations and services;

(G) immunizations against infectious diseases, including each immunization on the recommended adult immunization schedule at the time such immunization is indicated on that schedule;

(H) prevention of musculoskeletal deformity or other gradually developing disabilities of a metabolic or degenerative nature;

(I) genetic counseling concerning inheritance of genetically determined diseases;

(J) routine vision testing and eye care services;

(K) periodic reexamination of members of likely target populations (high-risk groups) for selected diseases and for functional decline of sensory organs, together with attendant appropriate remedial intervention; and

(L) such other health-care services as the Secretary may determine to be necessary to provide effective and economical preventive health care.

(10) The term "recommended adult immunization schedule" means the schedule established (and periodically reviewed and, as appropriate, revised) by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and delegated to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.