an effective transition in the furnishing of parttime or intermittent home health care benefits for covered beneficiaries who were receiving such benefits before the establishment of the program under this section. The actions taken under this paragraph may include the continuation of such benefits on an extended basis for such time as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title VII, §701(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1158; amended Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VII, §713, Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1985.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 108-375 added par. (4).

#### § 1074k. Long-term care insurance

Provisions regarding long-term care insurance for members and certain former members of the uniformed services and their families are set forth in chapter 90 of title 5.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VII, §701(f)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1161.)

## § 1074l. Notification to Congress of hospitalization of combat wounded members

- (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary concerned shall provide notification of the hospitalization of any member of the armed forces evacuated from a theater of combat and admitted to any military medical treatment facility to the appropriate Members of Congress.
- (b) APPROPRIATE MEMBERS.—In this section, the term "appropriate Members of Congress", with respect to the member of the armed forces about whom notification is being made, means the Senators representing the State, and the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of Representatives representing the district, that includes the member's home of record or a different location as provided by the member.
- (c) Consent of Member Required.—The notification under subsection (a) may be provided only with the consent of the member of the armed forces about whom notification is to be made. In the case of a member who is unable to provide consent, information and consent may be provided by next of kin.

(Added Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title XVI, §1617(a)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 449; amended Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VII, §720, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1817.)

### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted "admitted to any military medical treatment facility" for "admitted to a military treatment facility within the United States".

# EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title XVI, §1617(a)(2), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 449, provided that: "The notification requirement under section 10741(a) of title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), shall apply beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008]."

# § 1074m. Mental health assessments for members of the armed forces deployed in support of a contingency operation

- (a) MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall provide a person-toperson mental health assessment for each member of the armed forces who is deployed in support of a contingency operation as follows:
  - (A) Once during the period beginning 120 days before the date of the deployment.
  - (B) Once during each 180-day period during which a member is deployed.
  - (C) Subject to paragraph (3) and subsection (d), once during the period beginning on the date of redeployment from the contingency operation and ending on the date that is 21 days after the date on which the post-deployment leave of the member terminates.
  - (D) Subject to subsection (d), not less than once annually—  $\,$
  - (i) beginning 21 days after the date on which the post-deployment leave of the member terminates; or
  - (ii) if the assessment required by subparagraph (C) is performed during the period specified in paragraph (3), beginning 180 days after the date of redeployment from the contingency operation.
- (2) A mental health assessment is not required for a member of the armed forces under subparagraphs (C) and (D) of paragraph (1) (including an assessment performed pursuant to paragraph (3)) if the Secretary determines that providing such assessment to the member during the time periods under such subparagraphs would remove the member from forward deployment or put members or operational objectives at risk.
- (3) A mental health assessment required under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) may be provided during the period beginning 90 days after the date of redeployment from the contingency operation and ending 180 days after such redeployment date if the Secretary determines that—
  - (A) an insufficient number of personnel are available to perform the assessment during the time period under such subparagraph; or
  - (B) an administrative processing issue exists upon the return of the member to the home unit or duty station that would prohibit the effective performance of the assessment during such time period.
- (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the mental health assessments provided pursuant to this section shall be to identify post-traumatic stress disorder, suicidal tendencies, and other behavioral health conditions identified among members described in subsection (a) in order to determine which such members are in need of additional care and treatment for such health conditions.
- (c) ELEMENTS.—(1) The mental health assessments provided pursuant to this section shall—
  - (A) be performed by personnel trained and certified to perform such assessments and may be performed—
  - (i) by licensed mental health professionals if such professionals are available and the use of such professionals for the assessments would not impair the capacity of such professionals to perform higher priority tasks;