

(c) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member of the uniformed services covered by this section is a member who—

- (1) as a result of a wound, illness, or injury, has been determined by the attending physician or surgeon to be in the category known as “very seriously wounded, ill, or injured” or “seriously wounded, ill, or injured”; and
- (2) is hospitalized for treatment of the wound, illness, or injury or requires continuing outpatient treatment for the wound, illness, or injury.

(d) AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION.—(1) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) for a qualified non-medical attendant for a member is round-trip transportation between the home of the attendant and the location at which the member is receiving treatment and may include transportation, while accompanying the member, to any other location to which the member is subsequently transferred for further treatment. A designated non-medical attendant under this section may not also be a designated individual for travel and transportation allowances under section 481h(a) of this title.

(2) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) includes any travel necessary to obtain treatment for the member at the location to which the member is permanently assigned.

(3) In addition to the transportation authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may provide a per diem allowance or reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of the travel, or a combination thereof, but not to exceed the rates established under section 474(d) of this title.

(4) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) may be provided by any of the following means:

(A) Transportation in-kind.

(B) A monetary allowance in place of transportation in-kind at a rate to be prescribed by the Secretaries concerned.

(C) Reimbursement for the commercial cost of transportation.

(5) An allowance payable under this subsection may be paid in advance.

(6) Reimbursement payable under this subsection may not exceed the cost of Government-procured commercial round-trip air travel.

(e) TERMINATION.—No transportation, allowance, reimbursement, or per diem may be provided under this section for travel that begins after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §633(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2362, §411k; amended Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title X, §1075(c)(4), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4372; renumbered §481k and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(24), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “481h” for “411h” in subsec. (d)(1) and “474” for “404” in subsec. (d)(3).

Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411k of this title as this section.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “allowances under section” for “allowances section”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(24), added subsec. (e).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112-81 as enacted.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §633(b), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2363, as amended by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “No reimbursement may be provided under section 481k of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), for travel and transportation costs incurred before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2009].”

#### § 481f. Travel and transportation allowances: attendance of members and other persons at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events

(a) ALLOWANCES AUTHORIZED.—(1) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, a member of the uniformed services authorized to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event may be provided travel and transportation allowances in order that the member may attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event.

(2) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, travel and transportation allowances may be provided for a person designated pursuant to subsection (b) in order for the person to accompany a member in attending a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event if the Secretary concerned determines that the presence of the person at the event may contribute to the purposes of the event for the member.

(b) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOWANCE.—A member of the uniformed services who is eligible to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event may designate one or more persons, including another member of the uniformed services, for purposes of receiving travel and transportation allowances described in subsection (c) to attend a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event. The designation of a person for purposes of this section shall be made in writing and may be changed at any time.

(c) AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION.—(1) The transportation authorized by subsection (a) is round-trip transportation between the home or place of business of the authorized person and the location of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event.

(2) In addition to transportation under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned may provide a per diem allowance or reimbursement for the actual and necessary expenses of the travel, or a combination thereof, but not to exceed the rates established under section 474(d) of this title.

(3) The transportation authorized by paragraph (1) may be provided by any of the following means:

(A) Transportation in-kind.

(B) A monetary allowance in place of transportation in-kind at a rate to be prescribed by the Secretaries concerned.

(C) Reimbursement for the commercial cost of transportation.

(4) An allowance payable under this subsection may be paid in advance.

(5) Reimbursement payable under this subsection may not exceed the cost of Government-procured commercial round-trip air travel.

(d) **YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM EVENT DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program event” means an event authorized under section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 10101 note).

(e) **TERMINATION.**—No transportation, allowance, reimbursement, or per diem may be provided under this section for travel that begins after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VI, §622(a)(1), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4238, §411; renumbered §481 and amended Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(25), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1464, 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 112–239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112–81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 112–81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112–239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “474” for “404”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112–81, §631(e)(25), added subsec. (e).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–81 as enacted.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title VI, §622(b), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4239, as amended by Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “No reimbursement may be provided under section 481 of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), for travel and transportation costs incurred before September 30, 2010.”

### § 484. Travel and transportation; dependents; household and personal effects; trailers; additional movements; motor vehicles; sale of bulky items; claims for proceeds; appropriation chargeable

(a) In this section, “household and personal effects” and “household effects” may include, in addition to other authorized weight allowances, two privately owned motor vehicles which may be shipped at United States expense. Under regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, and in place of the transportation of household and personal effects, a dependent,

who would otherwise be entitled to transportation of household and personal effects under this section, may transport a house trailer or mobile dwelling within and between the areas specified in section 479 of this title for use as a residence by one of the following means—

(1) transport it and be reimbursed by the United States;

(2) deliver it to an agent of the United States for transportation by the United States or by commercial means; or

(3) have it transported by commercial means, and be reimbursed by the United States.

If a trailer or dwelling is transported under clause (2) or (3), that transportation may include two privately owned motor vehicles which may be shipped at United States expense. Transportation, and incidental costs, authorized by this section shall be at United States expense without any cost limitation, and any payment authorized may be made in advance of the transportation concerned.

(b) Transportation (including packing, crating, drayage, temporary storage, and unpacking of household and personal effects) may be provided for the dependents and household and personal effects of a member of a uniformed service on active duty (without regard to pay grade) who is officially reported as dead, injured, ill, or absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status—

(1) to the member’s official residence of record;

(2) to the residence of his dependent, next of kin, or other person entitled to custody of the effects, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned; or

(3) on request of the member (if injured or ill), or his dependent, next of kin, or other person described in clause (2), to another location determined in advance or later approved by the Secretary concerned, or his designee.

When he considers it necessary, the Secretary concerned may, with respect to the household and personal effects of a member who is officially reported as absent for a period of more than 29 days in a missing status, authorize the nontemporary storage of those effects for a period of one year, or longer when justified. In addition, he may authorize additional movements of, and prescribe transportation for, the dependents and household and personal effects, or the dependents and house trailer or mobile dwelling, of a member who is officially reported as absent for a period of more than one year in a missing status.

(c) When a member described in subsection (b) is in an injured or ill status, transportation of dependents and household and personal effects authorized by this section may be provided only when prolonged hospitalization or treatment is anticipated.

(d) Transportation requested by a dependent may be authorized under this section only if there is a reasonable relationship between the circumstances of the dependent and the requested destination.

(e) In place of the transportation for dependents authorized by this section, and after the