

2000—Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, § 401(f)(1), (3), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1860, 1861, substituted “BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS” for “BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS WHO ARE BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA” in chapter heading, added item for subchapter I, struck out items 1801 “Definitions” and 1806 “Applicability of certain administrative provisions”, added item for subchapter II and items 1811 to 1816, and added item for subchapter III and items 1821 to 1824.

1997—Pub. L. 105-114, title IV, § 404(b)(2), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2295, substituted “Applicability of certain administrative provisions” for “Effective date of awards” in item 1806.

**[§ 1801. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, § 401(c)(1), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1860]**

Section, added Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, § 421(b)(1), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2923; amended Pub. L. 105-114, title IV, § 404(a), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2294, defined “child” and “Vietnam veteran”.

A prior section 1801 was renumbered section 3701 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective on the first day of the first month beginning more than one year after Nov. 1, 2000, see section 401(g) of Pub. L. 106-419, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1811 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective Oct. 1, 1997, notwithstanding section 421(d) of Pub. L. 104-204, set out below, unless legislation other than Pub. L. 104-204 is enacted providing for an earlier effective date, see section 422(c) of Pub. L. 104-204, set out as an Effective Date of 1996 Amendment note under section 1151 of this title.

Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, § 421(d), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2926, provided that: “This section [enacting this chapter and amending section 5312 of this title] and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 1997.”

CONGRESSIONAL PURPOSE

Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, § 421(a), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2923, provided that: “The purpose of this section [enacting this chapter and amending section 5312 of this title] is to provide for the special needs of certain children of Vietnam veterans who were born with the birth defect spina bifida, possibly as the result of the exposure of one or both parents to herbicides during active service in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, through the provision of health care and monetary benefits.”

SUBCHAPTER I—CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA

**§ 1802. Spina bifida conditions covered**

This subchapter applies with respect to all forms and manifestations of spina bifida except spina bifida occulta.

(Added Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, § 421(b)(1), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2923; amended Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, § 401(e)(1), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1860; Pub. L. 107-14, § 8(b)(3), June 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 36.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1802 was renumbered section 3702 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107-14 made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 106-419. See 2000 Amendment note below.

2000—Pub. L. 106-419, as amended by Pub. L. 107-14, substituted “This subchapter” for “This chapter”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-14, § 8(b), June 5, 2001, 115 Stat. 36, provided that the amendment made by section 8(b) is effective Nov. 1, 2000, and as if included in the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-419, as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 106-419 effective on the first day of the first month beginning more than one year after Nov. 1, 2000, see section 401(g) of Pub. L. 106-419, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1811 of this title.

**§ 1803. Health care**

(a) In accordance with regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, the Secretary shall provide a child of a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from spina bifida with health care under this section.

(b) The Secretary may provide health care under this section directly or by contract or other arrangement with any health care provider.

(c) For the purposes of this section—

(1) The term “health care”—

(A) means home care, hospital care, nursing home care, outpatient care, preventive care, habilitative and rehabilitative care, case management, and respite care; and

(B) includes—

(i) the training of appropriate members of a child’s family or household in the care of the child; and

(ii) the provision of such pharmaceuticals, supplies, equipment, devices, appliances, assistive technology, direct transportation costs to and from approved sources of health care, and other materials as the Secretary determines necessary.

(2) The term “health care provider” includes specialized spina bifida clinics, health care plans, insurers, organizations, institutions, and any other entity or individual furnishing health care services that the Secretary determines are authorized under this section.

(3) The term “home care” means outpatient care, habilitative and rehabilitative care, preventive health services, and health-related services furnished to an individual in the individual’s home or other place of residence.

(4) The term “hospital care” means care and treatment for a disability furnished to an individual who has been admitted to a hospital as a patient.

(5) The term “nursing home care” means care and treatment for a disability furnished to an individual who has been admitted to a nursing home as a resident.

(6) The term “outpatient care” means care and treatment of a disability, and preventive health services, furnished to an individual other than hospital care or nursing home care.

(7) The term “preventive care” means care and treatment furnished to prevent disability or illness, including periodic examinations, immunizations, patient health education, and such other services as the Secretary determines necessary to provide effective and economical preventive health care.

(8) The term “habilitative and rehabilitative care” means such professional, counseling,