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Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, §711(c), repealed Pub. L. 115-232, §713(b). See 2018 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 116-283, §711(b), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The plans established under this section shall be administered by the Secretary of Defense through an agreement with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to allow persons described in subsection (a) to enroll in an insurance plan under chapter 89A of title 5, in accordance with terms prescribed by the Secretary, including terms, to the extent practical, as defined by the Director through regulation, consistent with subsection (d) and, to the extent practicable in relation to such chapter 89A, other provisions of this section.”

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-232, §713(b), which amended subsec. (b) generally, applicable with respect to the first contract year for chapter 89A of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, that was to begin on or after Jan. 1, 2022, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, §711(c).

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 112-239 inserted at end “During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this sentence and ending December 31, 2018, such plan shall provide that coverage for a member of the Selected Reserve who is involuntarily separated from the Selected Reserve under other than adverse conditions, as characterized by the Secretary concerned, shall not terminate earlier than 180 days after the date on which the member is separated.”

2011—Subsec. (k)(2). Pub. L. 111-383 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “Such term includes any such dependent of a member who dies while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days or a member of the Ready Reserve if, on the date of the death of the member, the dependent—

“(A) is enrolled in a dental benefits plan established under subsection (a); or

“(B) if not enrolled in such a plan on such date—

“(i) is not enrolled by reason of a discontinuance of a former enrollment under subsection (f); or

“(ii) is not qualified for such enrollment because—

“(I) the dependent is a child under the minimum age for such enrollment; or

“(II) the dependent is a spouse who is a member of the armed forces on active duty for a period of more than 30 days.”

2009—Subsec. (k)(3). Pub. L. 111-84 amended par. (3) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “Such term does not include a dependent by reason of paragraph (2) after the end of the three-year period beginning on the date of the member’s death.”

2008—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-417 designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “Except as provided pursuant to paragraph (2), a member or dependent” for “A member or dependent”, redesignated former pars. (1) to (3) as subpars. (A) to (C), respectively, of par. (1) and added par. (2).

2006—Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 109-163 reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In this section, the term ‘eligible dependent’—

“(1) means a dependent described in subparagraph (A), (D), or (I) of section 1072(2) of this title; and

“(2) includes any such dependent of a member who dies while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days or a member of the Ready Reserve if, on the date of the death of the member, the dependent is enrolled in a dental benefits plan established under subsection (a), is not enrolled in such a plan by reason of a discontinuance of a former enrollment under subsection (f), or is not enrolled because the dependent is a child under the minimum age for enrollment, except that the term does not include the dependent after the end of the three-year period beginning on the date of the member’s death.”

2004—Subsec. (k)(2). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “under subsection (a),” for “under subsection (a) or”

and inserted “or is not enrolled because the dependent is a child under the minimum age for enrollment,” after “under subsection (f),”.

2002—Subsec. (k)(2). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “if, on the date of the death of the member, the dependent is enrolled in a dental benefits plan established under subsection (a) or is not enrolled in such a plan by reason of a discontinuance of a former enrollment under subsection (f)” for “if the dependent is enrolled on the date of the death of the member in a dental benefits plan established under subsection (a)”.

2000—Subsec. (k)(2). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “three-year period” for “one-year period”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### TRANSITION OF ADMINISTRATION OF TRICARE DENTAL PLANS

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VII, §713(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1812, which related to transition of administration of TRICARE dental plans, was repealed by Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title VII, §711(c), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3691.

#### AUTHORIZATION TO EXPAND ENROLLMENT IN DEPENDENTS’ DENTAL PROGRAM TO CERTAIN MEMBERS RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VII, §703, Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1687, provided that:

“(a) AUTHORITY TO EXPAND PROGRAM.—After March 31, 1994, the Secretary of Defense may expand the dependents’ dental program established under section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, to permit a member of the uniformed services described in subsection (b) to enroll dependents described in subsection (a) of such section in a dental benefits plan under the program without regard to the length of the uncompleted portion of the member’s period of obligated service.

“(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member referred to in subsection (a) is a member of the uniformed services who is—

“(1) on active duty for a period of more than 30 days (as defined in section 101(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code); and

“(2) reassigned from a permanent duty station where a dental benefits plan under the dependents’ dental program is not available to a permanent duty station where such a plan is available.

“(c) REPORT ON ADVISABILITY OF EXPANSION.—Not later than February 28, 1994, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report evaluating the advisability of expanding the enrollment eligibility of members of the uniformed services in the dependents’ dental program in the manner authorized in subsection (a). The report shall include an analysis of the cost implications for such an expansion to the Federal Government, beneficiaries under the dependents’ dental program, and contractors under the program.

“(d) NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall notify Congress of any decision to expand the enrollment eligibility of dependents in the dependents’ dental program as provided in subsection (a) not later than 30 days before such expansion takes effect.”

### [§ 1076b. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VII, § 706(d), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2282]

Section, added Pub. L. 108-106, title I, §1115(a), Nov. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 1216; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VII, §702, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1525; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VII, §702(a)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3340; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VII, §704(d), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2280, related to TRICARE Standard coverage for members of the Selected Reserve.

A prior section 1076b, added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VII, §705(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 372; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VII, §702(a), (b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2588; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VII,

§733(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1812, related to Selected Reserve dental insurance, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VII, §711(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 685.

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##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VII, §706(d), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2282, provided that the repeal made by section 706(d) is effective Oct. 1, 2007.

#### § 1076c. Dental insurance plan: certain retirees and their surviving spouses and other dependents

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall establish a dental insurance plan for retirees of the uniformed services, certain unremarried surviving spouses, and dependents in accordance with this section.

(2) The Secretary may satisfy the requirement under paragraph (1) by entering into an agreement with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to allow persons described in subsection (b) to enroll in an insurance plan under chapter 89A of title 5 that provides benefits similar to those benefits required to be provided under subsection (d).

(b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PLAN.—The following persons are eligible to enroll in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a):

(1) Members of the uniformed services who are entitled to retired pay.

(2) Members of the Retired Reserve who would be entitled to retired pay under chapter 1223 of this title but for being under 60 years of age.

(3) Eligible dependents of a member described in paragraph (1) or (2) who are covered by the enrollment of the member in the plan.

(4) Eligible dependents of a member described in paragraph (1) or (2) who is not enrolled in the plan and who—

(A) is enrolled under section 1705 of title 38 to receive dental care from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

(B) is enrolled in a dental plan that—

(i) is available to the member as a result of employment by the member that is separate from the military service of the member; and

(ii) is not available to dependents of the member as a result of such separate employment by the member; or

(C) is prevented by a medical or dental condition from being able to obtain benefits under the plan.

(5) The unremarried surviving spouse and eligible child dependents of a deceased member—

(A) who died while in a status described in paragraph (1) or (2);

(B) who is described in section 1448(d)(1) of this title; or

(C) who died while on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and whose eligible dependents are not eligible, or no longer eligible, for dental benefits under section 1076a of this title.

(c) PREMIUMS.—(1) A member enrolled in the dental insurance plan established under sub-

section (a) shall pay the premiums charged for the insurance coverage.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall establish procedures for the collection of the premiums charged for coverage by the dental insurance plan. To the maximum extent practicable, the premiums payable by a member entitled to retired pay shall be deducted and withheld from the retired pay of the member (if pay is available to the member).

(d) BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE PLAN.—The dental insurance plan established under subsection (a) shall provide benefits for dental care and treatment which may be comparable to the benefits authorized under section 1076a of this title for plans established under that section and shall include diagnostic services, preventative services, endodontics and other basic restorative services, surgical services, and emergency services.

(e) COVERAGE.—(1) The Secretary shall prescribe a minimum required period for enrollment by a member or surviving spouse in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a).

(2) The dental insurance plan shall provide for voluntary enrollment of participants and shall authorize a member or eligible unremarried surviving spouse to enroll for self only or for self and eligible dependents.

(f) REQUIRED TERMINATIONS OF ENROLLMENT.—The Secretary shall terminate the enrollment of any enrollee, and any eligible dependents of the enrollee covered by the enrollment, in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a) upon the occurrence of the following:

(1) In the case of an enrollment under subsection (b)(1), termination of the member's entitlement to retired pay.

(2) In the case of an enrollment under subsection (b)(2), termination of the member's status as a member of the Retired Reserve.

(3) In the case of an enrollment under subsection (b)(5), remarriage of the surviving spouse.

(g) CONTINUATION OF DEPENDENTS' ENROLLMENT UPON DEATH OF ENROLLEE.—Coverage of a dependent in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a) under an enrollment of a member or a surviving spouse who dies during the period of enrollment shall continue until the end of that period and may be renewed by (or for) the dependent, so long as the premium paid is sufficient to cover continuation of the dependent's enrollment. The Secretary may terminate coverage of the dependent when the premiums paid are no longer sufficient to cover continuation of the enrollment. The Secretary shall prescribe in regulations under subsection (h) the parties responsible for paying the remaining premiums due on the enrollment and the manner for collection of the premiums.

(h) REGULATIONS.—The dental insurance plan established under subsection (a) shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the other administering Secretaries.

(i) VOLUNTARY DISENROLLMENT.—(1) With respect to enrollment in the dental insurance plan established under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense—