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**AMENDMENTS**

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 Pub. L. 117-168, §1(b)(2), title IX, §906(b)(1), Aug. 10, 2022, 136 Stat. 1759, 1812, added item 7404A.  
 2019—Pub. L. 116-12, §1(b)(4), Apr. 8, 2019, 133 Stat. 845, substituted “PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, AND DENTISTS” for “PAY FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS” in item for subchapter III.  
 2018—Pub. L. 115-182, title V, §502(a)(2), June 6, 2018, 132 Stat. 1475, which directed amendment of the table of sections for chapter 74 by adding item 7413 after item 7412, without specifying the Code title to be amended, was executed to the table of sections for this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.  
 2014—Pub. L. 113-146, §301(a)(2), Aug. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1784, added item 7412.  
 2010—Pub. L. 111-163, title VI, §602(a)(2), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1173, added item 7459.  
 2004—Pub. L. 108-445, §§3(g), 4(a)(2), Dec. 3, 2004, 118 Stat. 2643, 2645, substituted “PAY FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS” for “SPECIAL PAY FOR PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS” in item for subchapter III, “Pay” for “Special pay: authority” in item 7431, “Pay of Under Secretary for Health” for “Special pay: written agreements” in item 7432, “Administrative matters” for “Special pay: full-time physicians” in item 7433, struck out items 7434 “Special pay: part-time physicians”, 7435 “Special pay: full-time dentists”, 7436 “Special pay: part-time dentists”, 7437 “Special pay: general provisions”, 7438 “Special pay: coordination with other benefits laws”, 7439 “Periodic review of pay of physicians and dentists; quadrennial report”, and 7440 “Annual report”, and added item 7456A.  
 1991—Pub. L. 102-40, title I, §§102, 103(a)(2), title II, §203(b), title IV, §401(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 187, 199, 207, 221, added chapter heading and analysis.

**SUBCHAPTER I—APPOINTMENTS**

**§ 7401. Appointments in Veterans Health Administration**

There may be appointed by the Secretary such personnel as the Secretary may find necessary for the health care of veterans (in addition to those in the Office of the Under Secretary for Health appointed under section 7306 of this title), as follows:

- (1) Physicians, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists, registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries.
- (2) Scientific and professional personnel, such as microbiologists, chemists, and biostatisticians.
- (3) Audiologists, licensed hearing aid specialists, speech pathologists, and audiologist-speech pathologists, biomedical engineers, certified or registered respiratory therapists, dietitians, licensed physical therapists, licensed practical or vocational nurses, nurse assistants, medical instrument technicians, medical records administrators or specialists, medical records technicians, medical technologists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, nuclear medicine technologists, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, kinesiotherapists, orthotist-prosthetists,