

later than Dec. 31, 1995, a final report describing results of study.

**DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO EVALUATE INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES FOR PATIENT USE AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES**

Pub. L. 102-585, title V, § 525, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4960, directed Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a demonstration project to evaluate feasibility and desirability of providing telephone service in patient rooms in Department of Veterans Affairs health-care facilities which do not currently provide such service, use of telephones by patients of such health-care facilities, and relative feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a variety of options for providing such service, and submit to Congress a report on the demonstration project not later than Sept. 30, 1994.

**REPORTS ON FURNISHING OF HEALTH CARE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY**

Section 19011(e) of Pub. L. 99-272, as amended by Pub. L. 100-527, § 10(1), (2), Oct. 25, 1988, 102 Stat. 2640, 2641; Pub. L. 101-237, title II, § 201(d), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2066; Pub. L. 102-40, title III, § 302, May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 208; Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 102-291, § 4, May 20, 1992, 106 Stat. 179, directed Administrator of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report for each fiscal year through fiscal year 1992 concerning implementation of the amendments made by section 19011 of Pub. L. 99-272, which amended this section and sections 1525, 1701, 1712, 1712A, 1720, 1722, and 1763 of this title and enacted provisions set out as notes under this section and section 1722 of this title, specified detailed information required to be submitted in each report, and provided that each report be submitted not later than the Feb. 1 following the end of the fiscal year for which it is submitted.

**CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM**

Section 109 of Pub. L. 99-166 directed Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to conduct a pilot program to evaluate therapeutic benefits and cost-effectiveness of furnishing certain chiropractic services to veterans eligible for medical services under this chapter, provided that the pilot program be carried out during period beginning Jan. 1, 1986, and ending Dec. 31, 1988, and directed Administrator to submit to Committees on Veterans' Affairs of Senate and House of Representatives not later than Apr. 1, 1989, a report on implementation, operation, and results of the pilot program.

**§ 1710A. Required nursing home care**

(a) The Secretary (subject to section 1710(a)(4) of this title) shall provide nursing home care which the Secretary determines is needed (1) to any veteran in need of such care for a service-connected disability, and (2) to any veteran who is in need of such care and who has a service-connected disability rated at 70 percent or more.

(b)(1) The Secretary shall ensure that a veteran described in subsection (a) who continues to need nursing home care is not, after placement in a Department nursing home, transferred from the facility without the consent of the veteran, or, in the event the veteran cannot provide informed consent, the representative of the veteran.

(2) Nothing in subsection (a) may be construed as authorizing or requiring that a veteran who is receiving nursing home care in a Department nursing home on the date of the enactment of this section be displaced, transferred, or discharged from the facility.

(c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall terminate on December 31, 2008.

(Added Pub. L. 106-117, title I, § 101(a)(1), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1547; amended Pub. L. 106-419, title

II, § 224(a), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1846; Pub. L. 108-170, title I, § 106(b), Dec. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 2046.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The date of the enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 106-117, which was approved Nov. 30, 1999.

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-170 substituted “December 31, 2008” for “December 31, 2003”.

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-419 inserted “(subject to section 1710(a)(4) of this title)” after “The Secretary”.

**REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

Pub. L. 106-117, title I, § 101(i), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1550, provided that: “Not later than January 1, 2003, the Secretary [of Veterans Affairs] shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the operation of this section [enacting this section and section 1710B of this title, amending sections 1701, 1710, 1720, 1720B and 1741 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1710B of this title] (including the amendments made by this section). The Secretary shall include in the report—

“(1) the Secretary's assessment of the experience of the Department [of Veterans Affairs] under the provisions of this section;

“(2) the costs incurred by the Department under the provisions of this section and a comparison of those costs with the Secretary's estimate of the costs that would have been incurred by the Secretary for extended care services if this section had not been enacted; and

“(3) the Secretary's recommendations, with respect to the provisions of section 1710A(a) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), and with respect to the provisions of section 1701(10) of such title, as added by subsection (b), as to—

“(A) whether those provisions should be extended or made permanent; and

“(B) what modifications, if any, should be made to those provisions.”

**§ 1710B. Extended care services**

(a) The Secretary (subject to section 1710(a)(4) of this title and subsection (c) of this section) shall operate and maintain a program to provide extended care services to eligible veterans in accordance with this section. Such services shall include the following:

(1) Geriatric evaluation.

(2) Nursing home care (A) in facilities operated by the Secretary, and (B) in community-based facilities through contracts under section 1720 of this title.

(3) Domiciliary services under section 1710(b) of this title.

(4) Adult day health care under section 1720(f) of this title.

(5) Such other noninstitutional alternatives to nursing home care as the Secretary may furnish as medical services under section 1701(10) of this title.

(6) Respite care under section 1720B of this title.

(b) The Secretary shall ensure that the staffing and level of extended care services provided by the Secretary nationally in facilities of the Department during any fiscal year is not less than the staffing and level of such services provided nationally in facilities of the Department during fiscal year 1998.