

(A) the applicable or prevailing rate payable in the geographic area in which the State home is located, as determined by the Secretary, for nursing home care furnished in a non-Department nursing home (as that term is defined in section 1720(e)(2) of this title); or

(B) a rate not to exceed the daily cost of care, as determined by the Secretary, following a report to the Secretary by the director of the State home.

(3) Payment by the Secretary under paragraph (1) to a State home for nursing home care provided to a veteran described in that paragraph constitutes payment in full to the State home for such care furnished to that veteran.

(b) The Secretary shall furnish such drugs and medicines as may be ordered on prescription of a duly licensed physician as specific therapy in the treatment of illness or injury to any veteran as follows:

(1) Any veteran who—

(A) is not being provided nursing home care for which payment is payable under subsection (a); and

(B) is in need of such drugs and medicines for a service-connected disability.

(2) Any veteran who—

(A) has a service-connected disability rated at 50 percent or more;

(B) is not being provided nursing home care for which payment is payable under subsection (a); and

(C) is in need of such drugs and medicines.

(c) Any State home that requests payment or reimbursement for services provided to a veteran under this section shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary considers necessary to identify each individual veteran eligible for payment under such section.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 109-461, title II, §211(a)(1), (2), (b)(1), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3418, 3419.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-461, §211(a)(2), added subsec. (b).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-461, §211(b)(1), added subsec. (c).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section and amendment by section 211(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-461 effective 90 days after Dec. 22, 2006, see section 211(a)(5) of Pub. L. 109-461, set out as an Effective Date of 2006 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

### SUBCHAPTER VI—SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

#### § 1751. Screening, counseling, and medical treatment

The Secretary is authorized to carry out a comprehensive program of providing sickle cell anemia screening, counseling, treatment, and information under the provisions of this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 186, §651; renumbered §1751 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 651 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Subchapter effective Sept. 1, 1973, see section 501 of Pub. L. 93-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1973 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

#### § 1752. Research

The Secretary is authorized to carry out research and research training in the diagnosis, treatment, and control of sickle cell anemia based upon the screening examinations and treatment provided under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 186, §652; renumbered §1752 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 652 of this title as this section and substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

#### § 1753. Voluntary participation; confidentiality

(a) The participation by any person in any program or portion thereof under this subchapter shall be wholly voluntary and shall not be a prerequisite to eligibility for or receipt of any other service or assistance from, or to participation in, any other program under this title.

(b) Patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential in the same manner and under the same conditions prescribed in section 7332 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 187, §653; amended Pub. L. 94-581, title I, §111(b), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2852; Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239; renumbered §1753, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 653 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-40 substituted “7332” for “4132”.

1976—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-581 substituted “Patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential in the same manner and under the same conditions prescribed in section 4132 of this title” for “The Administrator shall promulgate rules and regulations to insure that all information and patient records prepared or obtained under this subchapter shall be held confidential except for (1) such information as the patient (or his guardian) requests in writing to be released or (2) statistical data compiled without reference to patient names or other identifying characteristics”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-581 effective Oct. 21, 1976, see section 211 of Pub. L. 94-581, set out as a note under section 111 of this title.

#### § 1754. Reports

The Secretary shall include in the annual report to the Congress required by section 529 of this title a comprehensive report on the administration of this subchapter, including such rec-

ommendations for additional legislation as the Secretary deems necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, § 109(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 187, § 654; renumbered § 1754 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 2(c)(3), 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 402, 404-406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), renumbered section 654 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in two places.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(c)(3), substituted “section 529” for “section 214”.

#### [§§ 1761 to 1764. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-585, title V, § 514(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4958]

Section 1761, added Pub. L. 96-22, title I, § 105(a), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 52, § 661; amended Pub. L. 98-160, title I, § 106(b), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 998; renumbered § 1761, Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, related to purpose of this subchapter, which established a preventive health-care services pilot program.

Prior section 1761 was renumbered section 3561 of this title.

Section 1762, added Pub. L. 96-22, title I, § 105(a), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 52, § 662; renumbered § 1762 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 102-585, title V, § 513(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4958, defined the term “preventive health-care services” for purposes of this subchapter. Section 1762 of this title was transferred to section 1701(9) of this title by Pub. L. 102-585.

Prior section 1762 was renumbered section 3562 of this title.

Section 1763, added Pub. L. 96-22, title I, § 105(a), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 52, § 663; amended Pub. L. 96-128, title V, § 501(d), Nov. 28, 1979, 93 Stat. 987; Pub. L. 98-160, title I, § 106(c), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 998; Pub. L. 99-272, title XIX, § 19011(d)(6), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 379; renumbered § 1763 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406, related to provision of preventive health-care services under this subchapter.

Prior section 1763 was renumbered section 3563 of this title.

Another prior section 1763, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1201, provided for control by agencies of the United States, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, § 3(a)(3), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20. See section 3682 of this title.

Section 1764, added Pub. L. 96-22, title I, § 105(a), June 13, 1979, 93 Stat. 53, § 664; amended Pub. L. 98-160, title I, § 106(d), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 999; renumbered § 1764 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406, directed Secretary to include comprehensive reports on administration of this subchapter in annual reports to Congress for fiscal years 1984 through 1988.

Prior section 1764, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1201, provided for dismissal for conflict of interest, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, §§ 3(a)(3), 12(a), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20, 28, effective Mar. 3, 1966. See section 3683 of this title.

Prior section 1765 was renumbered section 3565 of this title.

Another prior section 1765, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1202, provided for reports by institutions, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, § 3(a)(3), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20. See section 3684 of this title.

Prior section 1766 was renumbered section 3566 of this title.

Another prior section 1766, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1202, related to overpayments to eligible persons, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, § 3(a)(3), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20. See section 3685 of this title.

Prior section 1767, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1202, related to examination of records, prior to

repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, § 3(a)(3), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20.

Prior section 1768, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1202, related to false or misleading statements, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-358, § 3(a)(3), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 20.

A prior section 1770 was renumbered section 3670 of this title.

#### [SUBCHAPTER VII—TRANSFERRED]

#### [§§ 1771 to 1774. Renumbered §§ 2031 to 2034]

#### CODIFICATION

Former subchapter VII of chapter 17, which consisted of sections 1771 to 1774, was renumbered subchapter IV of chapter 20 of this title and transferred to follow section 2023 of this title, and sections 1771 to 1774 were renumbered sections 2031 to 2034 of this title, respectively.

A prior subchapter VII of this chapter, consisting of sections 1761 to 1764 of this title, related to preventive health care services pilot program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-585, title V, § 514(a), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4958.

Other prior sections 1771 to 1774 were renumbered sections 3671 to 3674 of this title, respectively.

Prior sections 1775 to 1777 were renumbered sections 3675 to 3677 of this title, respectively.

Another prior section 1777 was renumbered section 1778 of this title.

Prior section 1778 was renumbered section 3678 of this title.

Another prior section 1778 was renumbered section 1779 of this title.

Prior sections 1779 and 1780 were renumbered sections 3679 and 3680 of this title, respectively.

#### SUBCHAPTER VIII—HEALTH CARE OF PERSONS OTHER THAN VETERANS

#### § 1781. Medical care for survivors and dependents of certain veterans

(a) The Secretary is authorized to provide medical care, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, for—

(1) the spouse or child of a veteran who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability,

(2) the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who (A) died as a result of a service-connected disability, or (B) at the time of death had a total disability permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability, and

(3) the surviving spouse or child of a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service in the line of duty and not due to such person's own misconduct,

who are not otherwise eligible for medical care under chapter 55 of title 10 (CHAMPUS).

(b) In order to accomplish the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary shall provide for medical care in the same or similar manner and subject to the same or similar limitations as medical care is furnished to certain dependents and survivors of active duty and retired members of the Armed Forces under chapter 55 of title 10 (CHAMPUS), by—

(1) entering into an agreement with the Secretary of Defense under which that Secretary shall include coverage for such medical care under the contract, or contracts, that Secretary enters into to carry out such chapter 55, and under which the Secretary of Veterans