

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1783 was renumbered section 3683 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-461, §216(a), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c), (d). Pub. L. 109-461, §216(b), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

§ 1784. Humanitarian care

The Secretary may furnish hospital care or medical services as a humanitarian service in emergency cases, but the Secretary shall charge for such care and services at rates prescribed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 107-135, title II, §208(b), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2463.)

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Prior section 1784 was renumbered section 3684 of this title.

§ 1785. Care and services during certain disasters and emergencies

(a) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES.**—During and immediately following a disaster or emergency referred to in subsection (b), the Secretary may furnish hospital care and medical services to individuals responding to, involved in, or otherwise affected by that disaster or emergency.

(b) **COVERED DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.**—A disaster or emergency referred to in this subsection is any disaster or emergency as follows:

(1) A major disaster or emergency declared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

(2) A disaster or emergency in which the National Disaster Medical System established pursuant to section 2811(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-11(b))¹ is activated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under paragraph (3)(A) of that section or as otherwise authorized by law.

(c) **APPLICABILITY TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE VETERANS.**—The Secretary may furnish care and services under this section to an individual described in subsection (a) who is a veteran without regard to whether that individual is enrolled in the system of patient enrollment under section 1705 of this title.

(d) **REIMBURSEMENT FROM OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.**—(1) The cost of any care or services furnished under this section to an officer or employee of a department or agency of the United States other than the Department or to a member of the Armed Forces shall be reimbursed at such rates as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the head of such department or agency or the Secretary concerned, in the case of a member of the Armed Forces, based on the cost of the care or service furnished.

(2) Amounts received by the Department under this subsection shall be credited to the Medical Care Collections Fund under section 1729A of this title.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(e) **REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—Within 60 days of the commencement of a disaster or emergency referred to in subsection (b) in which the Secretary furnishes care and services under this section (or as soon thereafter as is practicable), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the Secretary's allocation of facilities and personnel in order to furnish such care and services.

(f) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations governing the exercise of the authority of the Secretary under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 107-287, §4(a)(1), Nov. 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 2028; amended Pub. L. 109-444, §8(a)(2), Dec. 21, 2006, 120 Stat. 3313; Pub. L. 109-461, title X, §§1004(a)(2), 1006(b), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3465, 3468.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is Pub. L. 93-288, May 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 143, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 68 (§5121 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5121 of Title 42 and Tables.

Section 2811(b) of the Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), was redesignated section 2812(a) of the Public Health Service Act by Pub. L. 109-417, title I, §102(a)(2), title III, §301(a)(3), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2832, 2853, and is classified to section 300hh-11(a) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

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Prior sections 1785 and 1786 were renumbered sections 3685 and 3686 of this title, respectively.

Another prior section 1786, added Pub. L. 89-358, §3(b), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 23, related to the examination of records, prior to repeal by section 316(1) of Pub. L. 92-540. See section 3690 of this title.

Prior section 1787 was renumbered section 3687 of this title.

Another prior section 1787, added Pub. L. 89-358, §3(b), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 23, related to the submission of false or misleading statements by educational institutions, persons or veterans, prior to repeal by section 316(1) of Pub. L. 92-540. See section 3690 of this title.

Prior section 1788 was renumbered section 3688 of this title.

Another prior section 1788 was renumbered section 3692 of this title.

Prior section 1789 was renumbered section 3689 of this title.

Another prior section 1789, which required the Administrator not to approve of enrollments in courses in institutions listed by the Attorney General under section 12 of Ex. Ord. No. 10450, was renumbered section 1793 of this title.

Prior section 1790 was renumbered section 3690 of this title.

Another prior section 1790 was renumbered section 3694 of this title.

Prior section 1791 was renumbered section 3691 of this title.

Another prior section 1791 was renumbered section 3695 of this title.

Prior sections 1792 and 1793 were renumbered sections 3692 and 3693 of this title, respectively.

Another prior section 1793, added Pub. L. 89-358, §3(b), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 23, §1789; amended Pub. L. 91-24, §15, June 11, 1969, 83 Stat. 35; renumbered and amended Pub. L. 92-540, title III, §316(2), title IV, §403(12), Oct. 24, 1972, 86 Stat. 1086, 1090, required that the Administrator not to approve of enrollment in any course in an institution listed by the Attorney General under sec-