Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96–151, § 201(c)(2), substituted provisions respecting travel and incidental expenses for provisions respecting all necessary travel expenses.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94–581, § 210(a)(5)(A), substituted ''such veteran's home'' for ''his home''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94–581, § 210(a)(5)(B), substituted ''and may pay'' for ''and he may pay''.

1973—Pub. L. 93–82 designated existing provisions as subsec. (b) and added subsec. (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–151 effective Jan. 1, 1980, see section 206 of Pub. L. 96–151, set out as a note under section 111 of this title.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 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.

§ 1715. Tobacco for hospitalized veterans

The Secretary may furnish tobacco to veterans receiving hospital or domiciliary care.

(Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1143, § 615; renumbered § 1715 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, § 5(a), renumbered section 615 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102–83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted ''Secretary'' for ''Administrator''.

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES

Pub. L. 102–585, title V, § 526, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4961, provided that:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall take appropriate actions to ensure that, consistent with medical requirements and limitations, each facility of the Department described in subsection (b)—

''(1) establishes and maintains—

''(A) a suitable indoor area in which patients or residents may smoke and which is ventilated in a manner that, to the maximum extent feasible, prevents smoke from entering other areas of the facility; or

''(B) an area in a building that—

''(i) is detached from the facility;

''(ii) is accessible to patients or residents of the facility; and

''(iii) has appropriate heating and air conditioning; and

''(2) provides access to an area established and maintained under paragraph (1), consistent with medical requirements and limitations, for patients or residents of the facility who are receiving care or services and who desire to smoke tobacco products.

''(b) COVERED FACILITIES.—A Department facility referred to in subsection (a) is any Department of Veterans Affairs medical center, nursing home, or domiciliary care facility.

''(c) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 4, 1992], the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the feasibility of the establishment and maintenance of areas for smoking in Department facilities under this section. The report shall include information on—

''(A) the cost of, and a proposed schedule for, the establishment of such an area at each Department facility covered by this section;

''(B) the extent to which the ventilating system of each facility is adequate to ensure that use of the area for smoking does not result in health problems for other patients or residents of the facility; and

''(C) the effect of the establishment and maintenance of an area for smoking in each facility on the accreditation score issued for the facility by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Organizations.

''(2) Not later than 120 days after the effective date of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees referred to in paragraph (1) a report on the implementation of this section. The report shall include a description of the actions taken at each covered facility to ensure compliance with this section.

''(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The requirement to establish and maintain areas for smoking under subsection (a) shall take effect 60 days after the date on which the Comptroller General submits to the committees referred to in subsection (c)(1) that report required under that subsection.''

§ 1716. Hospital care by other agencies of the United States

When so specified in an appropriation or other Act, the Secretary may make allotments and transfers to the Departments of Health and Human Services (Public Health Service), the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Interior, for disbursement by them under the various headings of their appropriations, of such amounts as are necessary for the care and treatment of veterans entitled to hospitalization from the Department under this chapter. The amounts to be charged the Department for care and treatment of veterans in hospitals shall be calculated on the basis of a per diem rate approved by the Office of Management and Budget.

(Pub. L. 85–857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1143, § 616; Pub. L. 94–581, title II, § 202(g), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2856; Pub. L. 97–295, § 4(95)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1313; renumbered § 1716 and amended Pub. L. 102–83, §§ 4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404–406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102–83, § 5(a), renumbered section 616 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102–83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted ''Secretary'' for ''Administrator''.

Pub. L. 102–83, § 4(a)(3), (4), substituted ''Department'' for ''Veterans' Administration'' in two places.

1982—Pub. L. 97–295 substituted ''Health and Human Services'' for ''Health, Education, and Welfare''.

1976—Pub. L. 94–581 substituted ''Office of Management and Budget'' for ''Bureau of the Budget''.

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.

§ 1717. Home health services; invalid lifts and other devices

(a)(1) As part of medical services furnished to a veteran under section 1710(a) of this title, the Secretary may furnish such home health services as the Secretary finds to be necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of the veteran.

(2) Improvements and structural alterations may be furnished as part of such home health services only as necessary to assure the continuation of treatment for the veteran's disability or