

(B) A description of the implementation and operation of the outreach program under subsection (e).

(C) A description of the implementation and operation of the program under section 2023 of this title.

(3) Not later than July 1, 2007, the Secretary shall submit to the committees referred to in paragraph (1) a final report on outreach activities carried out by the Secretary with respect to homeless veterans. The report shall include the following:

(A) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the outreach plan under subsection (a).

(B) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the outreach program under subsection (e).

(C) An evaluation of the effectiveness of the demonstration program under section 2023 of this title.

(D) Recommendations, if any, regarding an extension or modification of such outreach plan, such outreach program, and such demonstration program.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, § 5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 910; amended Pub. L. 110-387, title VI, § 602(d)(3), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4132.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2022 was renumbered section 4302 of this title and subsequently omitted in the general amendment of chapter 43 of this title by Pub. L. 103-353, § 2(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3150.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (f)(2)(C). Pub. L. 110-387 struck out “demonstration” before “program”.

#### § 2023. Referral and counseling services: veterans at risk of homelessness who are transitioning from certain institutions

(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Secretaries”) shall carry out a program of referral and counseling services to eligible veterans with respect to benefits and services available to such veterans under this title and under State law.

(b) LOCATION OF PROGRAM.—The program shall be carried out in at least 12 locations. One location shall be a penal institution under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Prisons.

(c) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.—(1) To the extent practicable, the program shall provide both referral and counseling services, and in the case of counseling services, shall include counseling with respect to job training and placement (including job readiness), housing, health care, and other benefits to assist the eligible veteran in the transition from institutional living.

(2)(A) To the extent that referral or counseling services are provided at a location under the program, referral services shall be provided in person during such period of time that the Secretaries may specify that precedes the date of release or discharge of the eligible veteran, and counseling services shall be furnished after such date.

(B) The Secretaries may, as part of the program, furnish to officials of penal institutions outreach information with respect to referral

and counseling services for presentation to veterans in the custody of such officials during the 18-month period that precedes such date of release or discharge.

(3) The Secretaries may enter into contracts to carry out the referral and counseling services required under the program with entities or organizations that meet such requirements as the Secretaries may establish.

(4) In developing the program, the Secretaries shall consult with officials of the Bureau of Prisons, officials of penal institutions of States and political subdivisions of States, and such other officials as the Secretaries determine appropriate.

(d) DURATION.—The authority of the Secretaries to provide referral and counseling services under the demonstration program shall cease on September 30, 2012.

(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eligible veteran” means a veteran who—

(1) is a resident of a penal institution or an institution that provides long-term care for mental illness; and

(2) is at risk for homelessness absent referral and counseling services provided under the demonstration program (as determined under guidelines established by the Secretaries).

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, § 5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 912; amended Pub. L. 110-28, title V, § 5705, May 25, 2007, 121 Stat. 170; Pub. L. 110-387, title VI, § 602(a)-(d)(2), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4132.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 2023 to 2027 were renumbered sections 4303 to 4307 of this title, respectively, and subsequently omitted in the general amendment of chapter 43 of this title by Pub. L. 103-353, § 2(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3150.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-387, § 602(d)(2), amended section catchline generally. Prior to amendment, catchline read as follows: “Demonstration program of referral and counseling for veterans transitioning from certain institutions who are at risk for homelessness”.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-387, § 602(a), substituted “a program of” for “a demonstration program for the purpose of determining the costs and benefits of providing”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-387, § 602(b), in heading, struck out “Demonstration” before “Program” and in text, struck out “demonstration” before “program” and substituted “12 locations” for “six locations”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 110-387, § 602(d)(1), struck out “demonstration” before “program”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-387, § 602(c), substituted “September 30, 2012.” for “September 30, 2007.”

2007—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110-28 substituted “shall cease on September 30, 2007” for “shall cease on the date that is four years after the date of the commencement of the program”.

#### SUBCHAPTER IV—TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS

#### AMENDMENTS

2001—Pub. L. 107-95, § 5(b)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 918, redesignated subchapter VII of chapter 17 of this title as this subchapter.

#### § 2031. General treatment

(a) In providing care and services under section 1710 of this title to veterans suffering from