(b) COUNSELING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF VETERANS RECEIVING NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED TREATMENT.—In the case of a veteran who is eligible to receive treatment for a non-service-connected disability under the conditions described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 1710(a) of this title, the Secretary may, in the discretion of the Secretary, provide to individuals described in subsection (c) such consultation, professional counseling, marriage and family counseling, training, and mental health services as are necessary in connection with that treatment.

(c) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—Individuals who may be provided services under this subsection are—

(1) the members of the immediate family or the legal guardian of a veteran;

(2) a family caregiver of an eligible veteran or a caregiver of a covered veteran (as those terms are defined in section 1720G of this title); or

(3) the individual in whose household such veteran certifies an intention to live.

(d) TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED.—Services provided under subsections (a) and (b) may include, under the terms and conditions set forth in section 111 of this title, travel and incidental expenses of individuals described in subsection (c) in the case of any of the following:

(1) A veteran who is receiving care for a service-connected disability.

(2) A dependent or survivor receiving care under the last sentence of section 1783(b) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 107–135, title II, § 208(b), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2462; amended Pub. L. 110–387, title III, § 301(a)(2), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4120; Pub. L. 111–163, title I, § 103(a), (b), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1139, 1140.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1782 was renumbered section 3682 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–163, § 103(b), inserted ''and caregivers'' after ''members'' in section catchline.

Subsec. (c)(2), (3). Pub. L. 111–163, § 103(a), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–387, § 301(a)(2)(A), inserted ''marriage and family counseling,'' after ''professional counseling,''.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–387, § 301(a)(2)(B), inserted ''marriage and family counseling,'' after ''professional counseling,'' and substituted period at end for ''if—

''(1) those services were initiated during the veteran's hospitalization; and

''(2) the continued provision of those services on an outpatient basis is essential to permit the discharge of the veteran from the hospital.''

§ 1783. Bereavement counseling

(a) DEATHS OF VETERANS.—In the case of an individual who was a recipient of services under section 1782 of this title at the time of the death of the veteran, the Secretary may provide bereavement counseling to that individual in the case of a death—

(1) that was unexpected; or

(2) that occurred while the veteran was participating in a hospice program (or a similar program) conducted by the Secretary.

(b) DEATHS IN ACTIVE SERVICE.—(1) The Secretary may provide bereavement counseling to an individual who is a member of the immediate family of a member of the Armed Forces who dies in the active military, naval, or air service in the line of duty and under circumstances not due to the person's own misconduct.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the members of the immediate family of a member of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1) include the parents of such member.

(c) PROVISION OF COUNSELING THROUGH VET CENTERS.—Bereavement counseling may be provided under this section through the facilities and personnel of centers for the provision of readjustment counseling and related mental health services under section 1712A of this title.

(d) BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ''bereavement counseling'' means such counseling services, for a limited period, as the Secretary determines to be reasonable and necessary to assist an individual with the emotional and psychological stress accompanying the death of another individual.

(Added Pub. L. 107–135, title II, § 208(b), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2463; amended Pub. L. 109–461, title II, § 216, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3424.)

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.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

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 2812 of the Public Health