

Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 1710 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.

#### INITIAL INCREASE UNDER SUBSECTION (C)

Pub. L. 99-272, title XIX, §1901(c)(3), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 378, provided that the first increase under subsection (c) of this section, as added by section 1901(c)(1) of Pub. L. 99-272, was to take effect on Jan. 1, 1987.

### § 1722A. Copayment for medications

(a)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall require a veteran to pay the United States \$2 for each 30-day supply of medication furnished such veteran under this chapter on an outpatient basis for the treatment of a non-service-connected disability or condition. If the amount supplied is less than a 30-day supply, the amount of the charge may not be reduced.

(2) The Secretary may not require a veteran to pay an amount in excess of the cost to the Secretary for medication described in paragraph (1).

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply—

(A) to a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more;

(B) to a veteran who is a former prisoner of war;

(C) to a veteran whose annual income (as determined under section 1503 of this title) does not exceed the maximum annual rate of pension which would be payable to such veteran if such veteran were eligible for pension under section 1521 of this title; or

(D) to a veteran who was awarded the medal of honor under section 7271, 8291, or 9271 of title 10 or section 491<sup>1</sup> of title 14.

(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to opioid antagonists furnished under this chapter to a veteran who is at high risk for overdose of a specific medication or substance in order to reverse the effect of such an overdose.

(b) The Secretary, pursuant to regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe, may—

(1) increase the copayment amount in effect under subsection (a); and

(2) establish a maximum monthly and a maximum annual pharmaceutical copayment amount under subsection (a) for veterans who have multiple outpatient prescriptions.

(c) Amounts collected under this section shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund.

(Added Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8012(a)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-345, §622A; renumbered §1722A, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; amended Pub. L. 102-139, title V, §518(a), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 779; Pub. L. 102-229, title I, Dec. 12, 1991, 105 Stat. 1709; Pub. L. 102-568, title VI, §§605(a), 606(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4343; Pub. L. 103-66, title XII, §12002(b), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(e)(7), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4685; Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §§8021(b), 8023(b)(3), Aug. 5,

1997, 111 Stat. 665, 667; Pub. L. 106-117, title II, §201(a), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1560; Pub. L. 108-7, div. K, title I, §113(c), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 482; Pub. L. 108-170, title I, §101(b), Dec. 6, 2003, 117 Stat. 2043; Pub. L. 114-198, title IX, §915(a), July 22, 2016, 130 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 114-223, div. A, title II, §243(a), Sept. 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 884; Pub. L. 114-315, title VI, §603(d), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1570; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §809(n)(1)(D), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1843.)

#### Editorial Notes

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 491 of title 14, referred to in subsec. (a)(3)(D), was redesignated section 2732 of title 14 by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226, and references to section 491 of title 14 deemed to refer to such redesignated section, see section 123(b)(1) of Pub. L. 115-282, set out as a References to Redesignated Sections of Title 14 note preceding section 101 of Title 14, Coast Guard.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(3)(D). Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “section 7271, 8291, or 9271 of title 10” for “section 3741, 6241, or 8741 of title 10”.

2016—Subsec. (a)(3)(D). Pub. L. 114-315 added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 114-198 and Pub. L. 114-223 amended subsec. (a) identically, adding par. (4).

2003—Subsec. (a)(3)(B), (C). Pub. L. 108-170 added subpar. (B) and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-7, §113(c)(1), substituted “under this section” for “under subsection (a)” in first sentence and struck out second sentence which read as follows: “Amounts collected through use of the authority under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Improvement Fund.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-7, §113(c)(2), struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “The provisions of subsection (a) expire on September 30, 2002.”

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), (2), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), (3), redesignated subsec. (b) as (c), substituted “subsection (a)” for “this section”, and inserted at end “Amounts collected through use of the authority under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Improvement Fund.” Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-117, §201(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

1997—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-33, §8023(b)(3), substituted “Medical Care Collections Fund” for “Medical-Care Cost Recovery Fund”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-33, §8021(b), substituted “September 30, 2002” for “September 30, 1998”.

1994—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 103-446 substituted “veteran to pay” for “(veteran) to pay”.

1993—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-66 substituted “1998” for “1992” in first sentence and struck out at end “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of subsection (a) shall be in effect through September 30, 1997.”

1992—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 102-568, §605(a)(1), struck out “(other than a veteran with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more)” after “require a veteran”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 102-568, §605(a)(2), added par. (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-568, §606(a), inserted at end “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the provisions of subsection (a) shall be in effect through September 30, 1997.”

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 622A of this title as this section.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-139, as amended by Pub. L. 102-229, substituted “September 30, 1992” for “September 30, 1991”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 8023(b)(3) of Pub. L. 105-33 effective Oct. 1, 1997, see section 8023(g) of Pub. L. 105-33, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-568, title VI, §605(b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4343, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to medication furnished after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 29, 1992].”

##### EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES

Section to remain in effect through the period covered by Pub. L. 102-145, see section 111 of Pub. L. 102-145, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1990 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

Section to remain in effect through the period covered by Pub. L. 102-109, see section 111 of Pub. L. 102-109, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 1990 Amendment note under section 1710 of this title.

Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8012(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-345, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect with respect to medication furnished to a veteran after October 31, 1990, or the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990], whichever is later.”

#### § 1722B. Copayments: waiver of collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans

The Secretary may waive the imposition or collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 112-154, title I, §103(a), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1169.)

#### § 1722C. Copayments: prohibition on collection of copayments for first three mental health care outpatient visits of veterans

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), notwithstanding section 1710(g) of this title or any other provision of law, the Secretary may not impose or collect a copayment for the first three mental health care outpatient visits of a veteran in a calendar year for which the veteran would otherwise be required to pay a copayment under the laws administered by the Secretary.

(b) COPAYMENT FOR MEDICATIONS.—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the imposition or collection of copayments for medications pursuant to section 1722A of this title.

(c) MENTAL HEALTH CARE OUTPATIENT VISIT DEFINED.—In this section, the term “mental health care outpatient visit” means an outpatient visit with a qualified mental health professional for the primary purpose of seeking

mental health care or treatment for substance abuse disorder.

(d) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022.

(Added Pub. L. 117-328, div. U, title I, §193A(a), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5440.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022, referred to in subsec. (d), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 117-328, which was approved Dec. 29, 2022.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2023 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 117-328, div. U, title I, §193A(b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5440, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall apply with respect to mental health care outpatient visits occurring on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 29, 2022].”

#### § 1723. Furnishing of clothing

The Secretary shall not furnish clothing to persons who are in Department facilities, except (1) where the furnishing of such clothing to indigent persons is necessary to protect health or sanitation, and (2) where the Secretary furnishes veterans with special clothing made necessary by the wearing of prosthetic appliances.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1144, §623; Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §210(a)(10), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2863; renumbered §1723 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 1723 was renumbered section 3523 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 623 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, §4(a)(3), (4), substituted “Department” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-581 substituted “the Administrator furnishes” for “he furnishes”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### 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.

#### § 1724. Hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall not furnish hospital or domiciliary care or medical services outside any State.