

reenlistment bonuses, to enlisted members if entitlement to the pay and allowances was delayed in vesting solely because of an administrative error or oversight.

(Added Pub. L. 100-448, §13(a), Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1844, §513; renumbered §2765, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 513 of this title as this section.

#### § 2766. Travel card management

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require that travel or transportation allowances due a civilian employee or military member of the Coast Guard be disbursed directly to the issuer of a Federal contractor-issued travel charge card, but only in an amount not to exceed the authorized travel expenses charged by that Coast Guard member to that travel charge card issued to that employee or member.

(b) WITHHOLDING OF NONDISPUTED OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary may also establish requirements similar to those established by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 2784a of title 10 for deduction or withholding of pay or retired pay from a Coast Guard employee, member, or retired member who is delinquent in payment under the terms of the contract under which the card was issued and does not dispute the amount of the delinquency.

(Added Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §210(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1036, §517; renumbered §2766, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 517 of this title as this section.

#### § 2767. Reimbursement for medical-related travel expenses for certain individuals residing on islands in the continental United States

In any case in which a covered beneficiary (as defined in section 1072(5) of title 10) resides on an island that is located in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia and that lacks public access roads to the mainland, the Secretary shall reimburse the reasonable travel expenses of the covered beneficiary and, when accompaniment by an adult is necessary, for a parent or guardian of the covered beneficiary or another member of the covered beneficiary's family who is at least 21 years of age, if—

(1) the covered beneficiary is referred by a primary care physician to a specialty care provider (as defined in section 1074i(b) of title 10) on the mainland who provides services less than 100 miles from the location where the beneficiary resides; or

(2) the Coast Guard medical regional manager for the area in which such island is located determines that the covered beneficiary requires services of a primary care, specialty

care, or dental provider and such a provider who is part of the network of providers of a TRICARE program (as that term is defined in section 1072(7) of title 10) does not practice on such island.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §203(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2909, §518; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. C, title XXXV, §3524, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2316; renumbered §2767, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(39)(A), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons” in section catchline.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 518 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 115-232 amended text of section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “In any case in which a covered beneficiary (as defined in section 1072(5) of title 10) resides on an island that is located in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia and that lacks public access roads to the mainland and is referred by a primary care physician to a specialty care provider (as defined in section 1074i(b) of title 10) on the mainland who provides services less than 100 miles from the location where the beneficiary resides, the Secretary shall reimburse the reasonable travel expenses of the covered beneficiary and, when accompaniment by an adult is necessary, for a parent or guardian of the covered beneficiary or another member of the covered beneficiary's family who is at least 21 years of age.”

#### § 2768. Annual audit of pay and allowances of members undergoing permanent change of station

The Commandant shall conduct each calendar year an audit of member pay and allowances for the members who transferred to new units during such calendar year. The audit for a calendar year shall be completed by the end of the calendar year.

(Added Pub. L. 114-120, title II, §216(a)(1), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 46, §519; renumbered §2768, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 519 of this title as this section.

#### § 2769. Remission of indebtedness

The Secretary may have remitted or cancelled any part of an individual's indebtedness to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States if—

(1) the indebtedness was incurred while the individual served as a member of the Coast Guard, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status; and

(2) the Secretary determines that remitting or cancelling the indebtedness is in the best interest of the United States.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 530, §461; Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1263, §33(b), 68 Stat. 1238; Pub. L. 87-526,