

oner shall not be required for the collection of a fee from the account of the prisoner under this section. However, each such prisoner shall be given a reasonable opportunity to dispute the amount of the fee or whether the prisoner qualifies under an exclusion under this section.

(f) NO REFUSAL OF TREATMENT FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.—Nothing in this section may be construed to permit any refusal of treatment to a prisoner on the basis that—

- (1) the account of the prisoner is insolvent; or
- (2) the prisoner is otherwise unable to pay a fee assessed under this section.

(g) USE OF AMOUNTS.—

(1) RESTITUTION OF SPECIFIC VICTIMS.—Amounts collected by the Director under this section from a prisoner subject to an order of restitution issued pursuant to section 3663 or 3663A shall be paid to victims in accordance with the order of restitution.

(2) ALLOCATION OF OTHER AMOUNTS.—Of amounts collected by the Director under this section from prisoners not subject to an order of restitution issued pursuant to section 3663 or 3663A—

(A) 75 percent shall be deposited in the Crime Victims Fund established under section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601);¹ and

(B) 25 percent shall be available to the Attorney General for administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this section.

(h) NOTICE TO PRISONERS OF LAW.—Each person who is or becomes a prisoner shall be provided with written and oral notices of the provisions of this section and the applicability of this section to the prisoner. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a fee under this section may not be assessed against, or collected from, such person—

(1) until the expiration of the 30-day period beginning on the date on which each prisoner in the prison system is provided with such notices; and

(2) for services provided before the expiration of such period.

(i) NOTICE TO PRISONERS OF REGULATIONS.—The regulations promulgated by the Director under subsection (b)(1), and any amendments to those regulations, shall not take effect until the expiration of the 30-day period beginning on the date on which each prisoner in the prison system is provided with written and oral notices of the provisions of those regulations (or amendments, as the case may be). A fee under this section may not be assessed against, or collected from, a prisoner pursuant to such regulations (or amendments, as the case may be) for services provided before the expiration of such period.

(j) NOTICE BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.—Before the beginning of any period a proposed regulation under this section is open to public comment, the Director shall provide written and oral notice of the provisions of that proposed regulation to groups that advocate on behalf of Federal prisoners and to each prisoner subject to such proposed regulation.

(k) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 2000, and annually thereafter, the Director shall transmit to Congress a report, which shall include—

(1) a description of the amounts collected under this section during the preceding 12-month period;

(2) an analysis of the effects of the implementation of this section, if any, on the nature and extent of health care visits by prisoners;

(3) an itemization of the cost of implementing and administering the program;

(4) a description of current inmate health status indicators as compared to the year prior to enactment; and

(5) a description of the quality of health care services provided to inmates during the preceding 12-month period, as compared with the quality of those services provided during the 12-month period ending on the date of the enactment of such Act.

(l) COMPREHENSIVE HIV/AIDS SERVICES REQUIRED.—The Bureau of Prisons shall provide comprehensive coverage for services relating to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) to each Federal prisoner in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons when medically appropriate. The Bureau of Prisons may not assess or collect a fee under this section for providing such coverage.

(Added Pub. L. 106-294, §2(a), Oct. 12, 2000, 114 Stat. 1038.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, referred to in subsec. (g)(2)(A), is section 1402 of chapter XIV of title II of Pub. L. 98-473, which was classified to section 10601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification as section 20101 of Title 34, Crime Control and Law Enforcement.

The date of the enactment of the Federal Prisoner Health Care Copayment Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (k), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 106-294, which was approved Oct. 12, 2000.

§ 4049. Officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons authorized to carry oleoresin capsicum spray

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall issue, on a routine basis, oleoresin capsicum spray to—

(1) any officer or employee of the Bureau of Prisons who—

(A) is employed in a prison that is not a minimum or low security prison; and

(B) may respond to an emergency situation in such a prison; and

(2) to such additional officers and employees of prisons as the Director determines appropriate, in accordance with this section.

(b) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order for an officer or employee of the Bureau of Prisons, including a correctional officer, to be eligible to receive and carry oleoresin capsicum spray pursuant

¹ See References in Text note below.

to this section, the officer or employee shall complete a training course before being issued such spray, and annually thereafter, on the use of oleoresin capsicum spray.

(2) **TRANSFERABILITY OF TRAINING.**—An officer or employee of the Bureau of Prisons who completes a training course pursuant to paragraph (1) and subsequently transfers to employment at a different prison, shall not be required to complete an additional training course solely due such transfer.

(3) **TRAINING CONDUCTED DURING REGULAR EMPLOYMENT.**—An officer or employee of the Bureau of Prisons who completes a training course required under paragraph (1) shall do so during the course of that officer or employee's regular employment, and shall be compensated at the same rate that the officer or employee would be compensated for conducting the officer or employee's regular duties.

(c) **USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY.**—Officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons issued oleoresin capsicum spray pursuant to subsection (a) may use such spray to reduce acts of violence—

(1) committed by prisoners against themselves, other prisoners, prison visitors, and officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons; and

(2) committed by prison visitors against themselves, prisoners, other visitors, and officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

(Added Pub. L. 114-133, §2(a), Mar. 9, 2016, 130 Stat. 296.)

§ 4050. Secure firearms storage

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

(1) the term “employee” means a qualified law enforcement officer employed by the Bureau of Prisons; and

(2) the terms “firearm” and “qualified law enforcement officer” have the meanings given those terms under section 926B.

(b) **SECURE FIREARMS STORAGE.**—The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution—

(1)(A) provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the institution for employees to store firearms; or

(B) allows employees to store firearms in a vehicle lockbox approved by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons; and

(2) notwithstanding any other provision of law, allows employees to carry concealed firearms on the premises outside of the secure perimeter of the institution.

(Added Pub. L. 115-391, title II, §202(a), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5216.)

§ 4051. Treatment of primary caretaker parents and other individuals

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

(1) the term “correctional officer” means a correctional officer of the Bureau of Prisons;

(2) the term “covered institution” means a Federal penal or correctional institution;

(3) the term “Director” means the Director of the Bureau of Prisons;

(4) the term “post-partum recovery” means the first 12-week period of post-partum recovery after giving birth;

(5) the term “primary caretaker parent” has the meaning given the term in section 31903 of the Family Unity Demonstration Project Act (34 U.S.C. 12242);

(6) the term “prisoner” means an individual who is incarcerated in a Federal penal or correctional institution, including a vulnerable person; and

(7) the term “vulnerable person” means an individual who—

(A) is under 21 years of age or over 60 years of age;

(B) is pregnant;

(C) is victim or witness of a crime;

(D) has filed a nonfrivolous civil rights claim in Federal or State court; or

(E) during the period of incarceration, has been determined to have experienced or to be experiencing severe trauma or to be the victim of gender-based violence—

(i) by any court or administrative judicial proceeding;

(ii) by any corrections official;

(iii) by the individual's attorney or legal service provider; or

(iv) by the individual.

(b) **GEOGRAPHIC PLACEMENT.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.**—The Director shall establish within the Bureau of Prisons an office that determines the placement of prisoners.

(2) **PLACEMENT OF PRISONERS.**—In determining the placement of a prisoner, the office established under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) if the prisoner has children, consider placing the prisoner as close to the children as possible; and

(B) consider any other factor that the office determines to be appropriate.

(c) **PROHIBITION ON PLACEMENT OF PREGNANT PRISONERS OR PRISONERS IN POST-PARTUM RECOVERY IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.**—

(1) **PLACEMENT IN SEGREGATED HOUSING UNITS.**—A covered institution may not place a prisoner who is pregnant or in post-partum recovery in a segregated housing unit unless the prisoner presents an immediate risk of harm to the prisoner or others.

(2) **RESTRICTIONS.**—Any placement of a prisoner described in paragraph (1) in a segregated housing unit shall be limited and temporary.

(d) **INTAKE AND ASSESSMENTS.**—The Director shall assess the need for family-focused programming at intake, such as questions about children, gauge interest in parenting resources, and concerns about their child or caregiving, and administer ongoing assessment to better inform, identify, and make recommendations about the mother's parental role and familial needs.

(e) **PARENTING CLASSES.**—The Director shall provide voluntary parenting classes to each prisoner who is a primary caretaker parent, and such classes shall be made available to prisoners with limited English proficiency in compliance with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.).