

quality and cost-effective manner, including on site primary care, medical care, and a continuum of long-term care services. The services provided residents of the Retirement Home shall include appropriate nonacute medical and dental services, pharmaceutical services, and transportation of residents, which shall be provided at no cost to residents. Secondary and tertiary hospital care for residents that is not available at a facility of the Retirement Home shall, to the extent available, be obtained by agreement with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense in a facility administered by such Secretary. Except as provided in subsection (d), the Retirement Home shall not be responsible for the costs incurred for such care by a resident of the Retirement Home who uses a private medical facility for such care. The Retirement Home may not construct an acute care facility.

(c) Availability of licensed practitioners

(1) In providing for the health care needs of residents at a facility of the Retirement Home under subsection (b), the Retirement Home shall have appropriate licensed practitioners, as determined under paragraph (2), available during the daily business hours of the facility and on an on-call basis at other times.

(2) In accordance with accrediting organization standards pursuant to section 411(g) of this title, the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Medical Director, shall ensure that the skills, experience, and availability of the practitioners are suited to residents of the facility.

(d) Transportation to medical care outside Retirement Home facilities

(1) With respect to each facility of the Retirement Home, the Retirement Home shall provide daily scheduled transportation to nearby medical facilities used by residents of the facility. The Retirement Home may provide, based on a determination of medical need, unscheduled transportation for a resident of the facility to any medical facility located not more than 30 miles from the facility for the provision of necessary and urgent medical care for the resident.

(2) The Retirement Home may not collect a fee from a resident for transportation provided under this subsection.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1513, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1725; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §366(c), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1630; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XIV, §§1404(b)(1)(B), 1410(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1260, 1266; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §909(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3404; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XIV, §1422(c), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §567(c)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1426; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title XIV, §1423, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2129.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118-159 amended subsec. (c) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (c) related to availability of physicians and dentists.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “Services provided to residents” for “Services provided residents” in section catchline.

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-181 inserted after first sentence “The services provided residents of the Retirement Home shall include appropriate nonacute medical and dental services, pharmaceutical services, and transportation of residents, which shall be provided at no cost to residents.”

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(1), substituted “subsections (b), (c), and (d)” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(2), substituted “Except as provided in subsection (d), the” for “The”.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 109-163, §909(a)(3), added subsecs. (c) and (d).

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-107, §1404(b)(1)(B), substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Retirement Home Board”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-107, §1410(a)(1), struck out “maintained as a separate establishment” after “available at a facility” in second sentence.

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-160 added second and third sentences and struck out former second sentence which read as follows: “Secondary and tertiary hospital care for residents that is not available at the Retirement Home shall be obtained through agreements with facilities administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Defense or at private facilities.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective one year after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 1541(a) of Pub. L. 101-510, formerly set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

§ 413a. Oversight of health care provided to residents

(a) Designation of Senior Medical Advisor

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall designate the Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency to serve as the Senior Medical Advisor for the Retirement Home.

(2) The Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency shall serve as Senior Medical Advisor for the Retirement Home in addition to performing all other duties and responsibilities assigned to the Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency at the time of the designation under paragraph (1) or afterward.

(b) Responsibilities

The Senior Medical Advisor shall provide advice to the Secretary of Defense, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Advisory Council regarding the direction and oversight of—

(1) medical administrative matters at each facility of the Retirement Home; and

(2) the provision of medical care, preventive mental health, and dental care services at each facility of the Retirement Home.

(c) Duties

In carrying out the responsibilities set forth in subsection (b), the Senior Medical Advisor shall perform the following duties:

(1) Facilitate and monitor the timely availability to residents of the Retirement Home such medical, mental health, and dental care services as such residents may require at locations other than the Retirement Home.

(2) Monitor compliance by the facilities of the Retirement Home with accreditation standards, applicable nationally recognized health care standards and requirements, or

any other applicable health care standards and requirements.

(3) Periodically visit each facility of the Retirement Home to review—

(A) the medical facilities, medical operations, medical records and reports, and the quality of care provided to residents; and

(B) inspections and audits to ensure that appropriate follow-up regarding issues and recommendations raised by such inspections and audits has occurred.

(4) Report on the findings and recommendations developed as a result of each review conducted under paragraph (3) to the Chief Operating Officer, the Advisory Council, and the Secretary of Defense.

(d) Advisory bodies

In carrying out the responsibilities set forth in subsection (b) and the duties set forth in subsection (c), the Senior Medical Advisor may establish and seek the advice of such advisory bodies as the Senior Medical Advisor considers appropriate.

(Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XV, §1513A, as added Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XIV, §1422(d)(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 420; amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §§562, 567(c)(3), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1420, 1426; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VII, §721, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3417; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XIV, §1413(a)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1707; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XIV, §1413, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2092; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title XIV, §1413(b)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4032.)

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2021—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-283 struck out “(including requirements identified in applicable reports of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense)” before period at end.

2018—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 115-232, §1413(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “Ensure the timely availability to residents of the Retirement Home, at locations other than the Retirement Home, of such acute medical, mental health, and dental care as such resident may require that is not available at the applicable facility of the Retirement Home.”

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-232, §1413(2), substituted “Monitor” for “Ensure”.

2017—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(a)(1)(A), struck out “the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness,” after “Secretary of Defense,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 115-91, §1413(a)(1)(B), substituted “the Secretary of Defense” for “the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness”.

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-291, §721(a), substituted “Deputy Director of the Defense Health Agency” for “Deputy Director of the TRICARE Management Activity” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 113-291, §721(b), substituted “nationally recognized health care standards and requirements” for “health care standards of the Department of Veterans Affairs”.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §567(c)(3), substituted “Oversight of health care provided to residents” for “Improved health care oversight of Retirement Home” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81, §562(a), substituted “The” for “(1) The” and “the Chief Operating Officer, and the

Advisory Council regarding the direction and oversight of—” for “the Chief Operating Officer regarding the direction and oversight of the provision of medical, preventive mental health, and dental care services at each facility of the Retirement Home.”, added pars. (1) and (2), and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “The Senior Medical Advisor shall also provide advice to the Local Board for a facility of the Retirement Home regarding all medical and medical administrative matters of the facility.”

Subsec. (c)(3) to (5). Pub. L. 112-81, §562(b), added pars. (3) and (4) and struck out former pars. (3) to (5) which read as follows:

“(3) Periodically visit and inspect the medical facilities and medical operations of each facility of the Retirement Home.

“(4) Periodically examine and audit the medical records and administration of the Retirement Home.

“(5) Consult with the Local Board for each facility of the Retirement Home not less frequently than once each year.”

§ 414. Fees paid by residents

(a) Monthly fees

The Administrator of each facility of the Retirement Home shall collect a monthly fee from each resident of that facility.

(b) Deposit of fees

The Administrators shall deposit fees collected under subsection (a) in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund.

(c) Fixing fees

(1) The Chief Operating Officer, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, shall from time to time prescribe the fees required by subsection (a). Changes to such fees shall be based on the financial needs of the Retirement Home and the ability of the residents to pay. A change of a fee may not take effect until 120 days after the Secretary of Defense transmits a notification of the change to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(2)(A) The fee shall be fixed as a percentage of the monthly income and monthly payments (including Federal payments) received by a resident. The percentage shall be the same for each facility of the Retirement Home. The Secretary of Defense may make any adjustment in a percentage that the Secretary determines appropriate.

(B) The calculation of monthly income and monthly payments under subparagraph (A) for a resident eligible under section 412(a)(5) of this title shall not be less than the retirement pay for equivalent active duty service as determined by the Chief Operating Officer, except as the Chief Operating Officer may provide because of the compelling personal circumstances of such resident.

(3) The fee shall be subject to a limitation on maximum monthly amount. The amount of the limitation shall be increased, effective on January 1 of each year, by the percentage of the increase in retired pay and retainer pay that takes effect on the preceding December 1 under subsection (b) of section 1401a of title 10 without regard to paragraph (3) of such subsection.

(4) The Administrator of each facility of the Retirement Home may collect a fee upon admission from a resident accepted under section