

(2) is not receiving palliative care or enrolled in hospice care.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “controlled substance” has the meaning given such term in section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6)).

(2) The term “delegate” means a person or automated system accessing the national network of State-based prescription monitoring programs, or any individual State or regional prescription drug monitoring program, at the direction or under the supervision of a licensed health care provider.

(3) The term “licensed health care provider” means a health care provider employed by the Department who is licensed, certified, or registered within any State to fill or prescribe medications within the scope of his or her practice as a Department employee.

(4) The term “national network of State-based prescription monitoring programs” means an interconnected nation-wide system that facilitates the transfer to State prescription drug monitoring program data across State lines.

(5) The term “State” means a State, as defined in section 101(20) of this title, or a political subdivision of a State.

(Added Pub. L. 115–182, title I, §134(a), June 6, 2018, 132 Stat. 1428; amended Pub. L. 115–251, title II, §206, Sept. 29, 2018, 132 Stat. 3173.)

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115–251, §206(1)(A), inserted “, or any individual State or regional prescription drug monitoring program,” after “programs”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 115–251, §206(1)(B), substituted “the national network of State-based prescription monitoring programs, or, if providing care in a State that does not participate in such national network, an individual State or regional prescription drug monitoring program,” for “such network”.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115–251, §206(1)(C), which directed “inserting ‘, or any individual State or regional prescription drug monitoring program,’ after programs”, was executed by inserting the quoted text after “programs” as if that word had been enclosed in quotation marks in the directory language, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115–251, §206(2), inserted “, or any individual State or regional prescription drug monitoring program,” after “programs”.

§ 1730C. Licensure of health care professionals providing treatment via telemedicine

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of law regarding the licensure of health care professionals, a covered health care professional may practice the health care profession of the health care professional at any location in any State or any of the Freely Associated States (as defined in section 1724(f) of this title), regardless of where the covered health care professional or the patient is located, if the covered health care professional is using telemedicine to provide treatment to an individual under this chapter.

(b) COVERED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.—For purposes of this section, a covered health

care professional is any of the following individuals:

(1) A health care professional who—

(A) is an employee of the Department appointed under section 7306, 7401, 7405, 7406, or 7408 of this title or under title 5;

(B) is authorized by the Secretary to provide health care under this chapter;

(C) is required to adhere to all standards for quality relating to the provision of health care in accordance with applicable policies of the Department; and

(D)(i) has an active, current, full, and unrestricted license, registration, or certification in a State to practice the health care profession of the health care professional; or

(ii) with respect to a health care profession listed under section 7402(b) of this title, has the qualifications for such profession as set forth by the Secretary.

(2) A postgraduate health care employee who—

(A) is appointed under section 7401(1), 7401(3), or 7405 of this title or title 5 for any category of personnel described in paragraph (1) or (3) of section 7401 of this title;

(B) must obtain an active, current, full, and unrestricted license, registration, or certification or meet qualification standards set forth by the Secretary within a specified time frame; and

(C) is under the clinical supervision of a health care professional described in paragraph (1); or

(3) A health professions trainee who—

(A) is appointed under section 7405 or 7406 of this title; and

(B) is under the clinical supervision of a health care professional described in paragraph (1).

(c) PROPERTY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.—Subsection (a) shall apply to a covered health care professional providing treatment to a patient regardless of whether the covered health care professional or patient is located in a facility owned by the Federal Government during such treatment.

(d) RELATION TO STATE LAW.—(1) The provisions of this section shall supersede any provisions of the law of any State to the extent that such provision of State law are inconsistent with this section.

(2) No State shall deny or revoke the license, registration, or certification of a covered health care professional who otherwise meets the qualifications of the State for holding the license, registration, or certification on the basis that the covered health care professional has engaged or intends to engage in activity covered by subsection (a).

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to remove, limit, or otherwise affect any obligation of a covered health care professional under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

(f) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “State” means a State, as defined in section 101(20) of this title, or a political subdivision of a State.

(Added Pub. L. 115–182, title I, §151(a), June 6, 2018, 132 Stat. 1430; amended Pub. L. 116–283, div.

H, title XCI, §9101, Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4780; Pub. L. 118-42, div. G, title II, §209(a)(4)(B), Mar. 9, 2024, 138 Stat. 441.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Controlled Substances Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is title II of Pub. L. 91-513, Oct. 27, 1970, 84 Stat. 1242, which is classified principally to subchapter I (§801 et seq.) of chapter 13 of Title 21, Food and Drugs. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 801 of Title 21 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-42 substituted “any State or any of the Freely Associated States (as defined in section 1724(f) of this title)” for “any State”.

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) related to who were considered covered health care professionals.

SUBCHAPTER IV—HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR VETERANS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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AMENDMENTS

1981—Pub. L. 97-72, title I, §107(d)(1), Nov. 3, 1981, 95 Stat. 1053, substituted “HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR VETERANS IN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES” for “HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE FOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ARMY VETERANS” in subchapter heading.

§ 1731. Assistance to the Republic of the Philippines

The President is authorized to assist the Republic of the Philippines in fulfilling its responsibility in providing medical care and treatment for Commonwealth Army veterans and new Philippine Scouts in need of such care and treatment for service-connected disabilities and non-service-connected disabilities under certain conditions.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §107(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 184, §631; amended Pub. L. 97-72, title I, §107(b), Nov. 3, 1981, 95 Stat. 1052; renumbered §1731, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 1731 was renumbered section 3531 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 631 of this title as this section.

1981—Pub. L. 97-72 inserted “in fulfilling its responsibility” after “The President is authorized to assist the Republic of the Philippines”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective July 1, 1973, see section 501 of Pub. L. 93-82, set out as an Effective Date of 1973 Amendment note under section 1701 of this title.

§ 1732. Contracts and grants to provide for the care and treatment of United States veterans by the Veterans Memorial Medical Center

(a) The President, with the concurrence of the Republic of the Philippines, may authorize the Secretary to enter into contracts with the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, with the approval of the appropriate department of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, covering the period beginning on October 1, 1981, and ending on September 30, 1994, under which the United States—

(1) will provide for payments for hospital care and medical services (including nursing home care) in the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, as authorized by section 1724 of this title and on the terms and conditions set forth in such section, to eligible United States veterans at a per diem rate to be jointly determined for each fiscal year by the two Governments to be fair and reasonable; and

(2) may provide that payments for such hospital care and medical services provided to eligible United States veterans may consist in whole or in part of available medicines, medical supplies, and equipment furnished by the Secretary to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center at valuations therefor as determined by the Secretary, who may furnish such medicines, medical supplies, and equipment through the revolving supply fund pursuant to section 8121 of this title.

(b)(1) To further assure the effective care and treatment of United States veterans in the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, there is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year during the period beginning on October 1, 1981, and ending on September 30, 1990, the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used by the Secretary for making grants to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center for the purpose of assisting the Republic of the Philippines in the replacement and upgrading of equipment and in rehabilitating the physical plant and facilities of such center.

(2) Grants under this subsection shall be made on such terms and conditions as prescribed by the Secretary. Such terms and conditions may include a requirement of prior approval by the Secretary of the uses of the funds provided by such grants.

(3) Funds for such grants may be provided only from appropriations made to the Department for the specific purpose of making such grants.

(c) The Secretary may stop payments under a contract or grant under this section upon reasonable notice as stipulated by the contract or grant if the Republic of the Philippines and the Veterans Memorial Medical Center do not maintain the medical center in a well-equipped and effective operating condition as determined by the Secretary.

(d)(1) The authority of the Secretary to enter into contracts and to make grants under this section is effective for any fiscal year only to the extent that appropriations are available for that purpose.

(2) Appropriations made for the purpose of this section shall remain available until expended.

(Added Pub. L. 93-82, title I, §107(a), Aug. 2, 1973, 87 Stat. 184, §632; amended Pub. L. 94-581, title