

§ 1312. Medical care guides and reports for public assistance and medical assistance

In order to assist the States to extend the scope and content, and improve the quality, of medical care and medical services for which payments are made to or on behalf of needy and low-income individuals under this chapter and in order to promote better public understanding about medical care and medical assistance for needy and low-income individuals, the Secretary shall develop and revise from time to time guides or recommended standards as to the level, content, and quality of medical care and medical services for the use of the States in evaluating and improving their public assistance medical care programs and their programs of medical assistance; shall secure periodic reports from the States on items included in, and the quantity of, medical care and medical services for which expenditures under such programs are made; and shall from time to time publish data secured from these reports and other information necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1112, as added Pub. L. 86-778, title VII, §705, Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 995; amended Pub. L. 89-97, title IV, §408(c), July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 422.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1965—Pub. L. 89-97 struck out “for the aged” after “medical assistance”.

§ 1313. Assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries

(a) Authorization; reimbursement; utilization of facilities of public or private agencies and organizations

(1) The Secretary is authorized to provide temporary assistance to citizens of the United States and to dependents of citizens of the United States, if they (A) are identified by the Department of State as having returned, or been brought, from a foreign country to the United States because of the destitution of the citizen of the United States or the illness of such citizen or any of his dependents or because of war, threat of war, invasion, or similar crisis, and (B) are without available resources.

(2) Except in such cases or classes of cases as are set forth in regulations of the Secretary, provision shall be made for reimbursement to the United States by the recipients of the temporary assistance to cover the cost thereof.

(3) The Secretary may provide assistance under paragraph (1) directly or through utilization of the services and facilities of appropriate public or private agencies and organizations, in accordance with agreements providing for payment, in advance or by way of reimbursement, as may be determined by the Secretary, of the cost thereof. Such cost shall be determined by such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be provided in the agreement.

(b) Plans and arrangements for assistance; consultations

The Secretary is authorized to develop plans and make arrangements for provision of tem-

porary assistance within the United States to individuals specified in subsection (a)(1). Such plans shall be developed and such arrangements shall be made after consultation with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Defense. To the extent feasible, assistance provided under subsection (a) shall be provided in accordance with the plans developed pursuant to this subsection, as modified from time to time by the Secretary.

(c) “Temporary assistance” defined

For purposes of this section, the term “temporary assistance” means money payments, medical care, temporary billeting, transportation, and other goods and services necessary for the health or welfare of individuals (including guidance, counseling, and other welfare services) furnished to them within the United States upon their arrival in the United States and for such period after their arrival, not exceeding ninety days, as may be provided in regulations of the Secretary; except that assistance under this section may be furnished beyond such ninety-day period in the case of any citizen or dependent upon a finding by the Secretary that the circumstances involved necessitate or justify the furnishing of assistance beyond such period in that particular case.

(d) Maximum total amount of temporary assistance

The total amount of temporary assistance provided under this section shall not exceed \$1,000,000 during any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 2009, except that, in the case of fiscal years 2021 and 2022, the total amount of such assistance provided during each such fiscal year shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

(e) Authority of Secretary to accept gifts

(1) The Secretary may accept on behalf of the United States gifts, in cash or in kind, for use in carrying out the program established under this section. Gifts in the form of cash shall be credited to the appropriation account from which this program is funded, in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated, and shall remain available until expended.

(2) Gifts accepted under paragraph (1) shall be available for obligation or other use by the United States only to the extent and in the amounts provided in appropriation Acts.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1113, as added Pub. L. 87-64, title III, §302, June 30, 1961, 75 Stat. 142; amended Pub. L. 87-543, title I, §133, July 25, 1962, 76 Stat. 196; Pub. L. 88-347, June 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 236; Pub. L. 90-36, §2, June 29, 1967, 81 Stat. 94; Pub. L. 90-248, title V, §503, Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 934; Pub. L. 91-41, §4, July 9, 1969, 83 Stat. 45; Pub. L. 92-40, July 1, 1971, 85 Stat. 96; Pub. L. 94-44, §§1, 2, June 28, 1975, 89 Stat. 235; Pub. L. 101-382, title I, §140, Aug. 20, 1990, 104 Stat. 654; Pub. L. 101-508, title V, §5056(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-229; Pub. L. 108-11, title I, §1701, Apr. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 585; Pub. L. 109-250, §1(a), July 27, 2006, 120 Stat. 652; Pub. L. 111-127, §2, Jan. 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 4; Pub. L. 115-57, §2(a), Sept. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1148; Pub. L. 116-148, §2(a), July 13, 2020, 134 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 117-39, §2(a), Aug. 31, 2021, 135 Stat. 336.)