

## § 1078b. Provision of food to certain members and dependents not receiving inpatient care in military medical treatment facilities

(a) In General.—(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary may provide food and beverages to an individual described in paragraph (2) at no cost to the individual.

(2) An individual described in this paragraph is the following:

(A) A member **or former member** of the uniformed services or dependent—

- (i) who is receiving outpatient medical care at a military medical treatment facility; and
- (ii) whom the Secretary determines is unable to purchase food and beverages while at such facility by virtue of receiving such care.

(B) A member **or former member** of the uniformed services or dependent—

- (i) who is a family member of an infant receiving inpatient medical care at a military medical treatment facility;
- (ii) who provides care to the infant while the infant receives such inpatient medical care; and
- (iii) whom the Secretary determines is unable to purchase food and beverages while at such facility by virtue of providing such care to the infant.

(C) A member **or former member** of the uniformed services or dependent whom the Secretary determines is under similar circumstances as a member, **former member**, or dependent described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(b) Regulations.—The Secretary shall ensure that regulations prescribed under this section are consistent with generally accepted practices in private medical treatment facilities.

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### NOTES

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#### Source

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**Amendments**

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113–291, §705(1), substituted “A member or former member” for “A member” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (a)(2)(C). Pub. L. 113–291, §705(2), substituted “member, former member, or dependent” for “member or dependent”.

**Effective Date**

Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VII, Sec. 704(c), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1473, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 31, 2011].”

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