

# American Rescue Plan Act 2021 Veteran's Affairs Funds Title 38 Chapter and/or Section Titles

## TITLE VIII—COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

### **SEC. 8001. FUNDING FOR CLAIMS AND APPEALS PROCESSING.**

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$272,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, pursuant to sections 308, 310, 7101 through 7113, 7701, and 7703 of title 38, United States Code.

#### Section Titles

308 Assistant Secretaries; Deputy Assistant Secretaries

310 Chief Information Officer

7101 Composition of Board of Veterans' Appeals

7113 Evidentiary record before the Board of Veterans' Appeals

7701 Organization of the Administration.

7703 Functions of the Administration

### **SEC. 8002. FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH NEEDS.**

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$13,482,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for allocation under chapters 17, 20, 73, and 81 of title 38, United States Code, of which not more than \$4,000,000,000 shall be available pursuant to section 1703 of title 38, United States Code for health care furnished through the Veterans Community Care program.

#### Chapter Titles

17 Hospital, Nursing Home, Domiciliary, And Medical Care

20 Benefits for Homeless Veterans

73 Veterans Health Administration - Organization and Functions

81 Acquisition and Operation of Hospital and Domiciliary Facilities; Procurement and Supply; Enhanced-Use Leases Of Real Property

#### Section Titles

1703 Contracts for hospital care and medical services in non-Department facilities.

### **SEC. 8003. FUNDING FOR SUPPLY CHAIN MODERNIZATION.**

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for the supply chain modernization initiative under sections 308, 310, and 7301(b) of title 38, United States Code.

#### Section Titles

308 Assistant Secretaries; Deputy Assistant Secretaries.

310 Chief Information Officer.

7301(b) Functions of Veterans Health Administration: in general

**SEC. 8004. FUNDING FOR STATE HOMES.**

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) \$500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for allocation under sections 8131 through 8137 of title 38, United States Code: and

Section Titles

STATE HOME FACILITIES FOR FURNISHING DOMICILIARY, NURSING HOME, AND HOSPITAL CARE

8131 Definitions.

8132 Declaration of purpose.

8133 Authorization of appropriations.

8134 General regulations.

8135 Applications with respect to projects; payments.

8136 Recapture provisions.

8137 State control of operations.

(2) \$250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for a one-time only obligation and expenditure to existing State extended care facilities for veterans in proportion to each State's share of the total resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act where such capacity includes only veterans on whose behalf the Department pays a per diem payment pursuant to section 1741 or 1745 of title 38, United States Code.

Section Titles

PAYMENTS TO STATE HOMES

1741 Criteria for payment.

1745 Nursing home care and medications for veterans with service-connected disabilities

**SEC. 8005. FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out audits, investigations, and other oversight activities authorized under the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) of projects and activities carried out pursuant to this title.

**SEC. 8006. COVID-19 VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a program under which the Secretary shall provide up to 12 months of retraining assistance to an eligible veteran for the pursuit of a covered program of education. Such retraining assistance shall be in addition to any other entitlement to educational assistance or benefits for which a veteran is, or has been, eligible.

**SEC. 8007. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST SHARING FOR VETERANS DURING EMERGENCY RELATING TO COVID-19.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

(1) shall not require a veteran to pay a copayment or other cost sharing with respect to health care under the laws administered by the Secretary received by the veteran during the period specified in subsection (b); and (2) shall reimburse any veteran who paid a copayment or other

cost sharing for health care under the laws administered by the Secretary received by the veteran during such period the amount paid by the veteran.

(b) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this subsection is the period beginning on April 6, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2021.

(c) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$2,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section.

#### **SEC. 4106. HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM.**

(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$5,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, except that amounts authorized under subsection (d)(3) shall remain available until September 30, 2029, for assistance under title II of the Cranston- Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) for the following activities to primarily benefit qualifying individuals or families:

See Subsection (b) QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES DEFINED.—

(5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

#### **SEC. 5111. EMERGENCY FEDERAL EMPLOYEE LEAVE FUND**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; APPROPRIATION.—There is established in the Treasury the Emergency Federal Employee Leave Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”), to be administered by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, for the purposes set forth in subsection (b). In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$570,000,000, to be deposited into the Fund.

(b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be available for payment to an agency for the use of paid leave by any employee of the agency who is unable to work because the employee—  
SEE (e) CLARIFICATION - includes the Veterans Health Administration.