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TITLE 22--FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INTERCOURSE

CHAPTER 52--FOREIGN SERVICE

SUBCHAPTER IX--TRAVEL, LEAVE, AND OTHER BENEFITS

Sec. 4084. Health care program

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of State shall establish a health care program to

promote and maintain the physical and mental health of members of the

Service, and (when incident to service abroad) other designated eligible

Government employees, and members of the families of such members and

employees.

(b) Services provided

Any such health care program may include (1) medical examinations

for applicants for employment, (2) medical examinations and inoculations

or vaccinations, and other preventive and remedial care and services as

necessary, for members of the Service and employees of the Department

who are citizens of the United States and for members of their families,

(3) health education and disease prevention programs for all employees,

and (4) examinations necessary in order to establish disability or

incapacity of participants in the Foreign Service Retirement and

Disability System or Foreign Service Pension System or to provide

survivor benefits under subchapter VIII of this chapter.

(c) Facilities; employment of personnel

The Secretary of State may establish health care facilities and

provide for the services of physicians, nurses, or other health care

personnel at Foreign Service posts abroad at which, in the opinion of

the Secretary of State, a sufficient number of Government employees are

assigned to warrant such facilities or services.

(d) Costs of treatment

If an individual eligible for health care under this section incurs

an illness, injury, or medical condition which requires treatment while

assigned to a post abroad or located overseas pursuant to Government

authorization, the Secretary may pay the cost of such treatment.

(e) Death or separation of member

Health care may be provided under this section to a member of the

Service or other designated eligible Government employee after the

separation of such member or employee from Government service. Health

care may be provided under this section to a member of the family of a

member of the Service or of a designated eligible Government employee

after the separation from Government service or the death of such member

of the Service or employee or after dissolution of the marriage.

(f) Review; medical care contracts

The Secretary of State shall review on a continuing basis the health

care program provided for in this section. Whenever the Secretary of

State determines that all or any part of such program can be provided

for as well and as cheaply in other ways, the Secretary may, for such

individuals, locations, and conditions as the Secretary of State deems

appropriate, contract for health care pursuant to such arrangements as

the Secretary deems appropriate.

(g) Retention of medical reimbursements

Reimbursements paid to the Department of State for funding the costs

of medical care abroad for employees and eligible family members shall

be credited to the currently available applicable appropriation account.

Such reimbursements shall be available for obligation and expenditure

during the fiscal year in which they are received or for such longer

period of time as may be provided in law.