

veterans who apply for hospital care and medical services but are rejected or not immediately admitted or provided such care or services, and the Administrator shall annually advise each committee of the results of such analysis and the number of any additional beds and treatment capacities and the appropriate staffing and funds therefor found necessary to meet the needs of such veterans for such necessary care and services.

Nursing home care.

“(b) The Administrator, subject to the approval of the President, is authorized to establish and operate not less than twelve thousand beds during fiscal year 1980, and during each fiscal year thereafter, for the furnishing of nursing home care to eligible veterans in facilities over which the Administrator has direct jurisdiction. The beds authorized by this subsection shall be in addition to the beds provided for in subsection (a) of this section.

Personnel with linguistic abilities.

“(c) When the Administrator determines, in accordance with regulations which the Administrator shall prescribe, that a Veterans’ Administration facility serves a substantial number of veterans with limited English-speaking ability, the Administrator shall establish and implement procedures, upon the recommendation of the Chief Medical Director, to ensure the identification of sufficient numbers of individuals on such facility’s staff who are fluent in both the language most appropriate to such veterans and in English and whose responsibilities shall include providing guidance to such veterans and to appropriate Veterans’ Administration staff members with respect to cultural sensitivities and bridging linguistic and cultural differences.

38 USC 5011.

“§5011. Use of Armed Forces facilities

“The Administrator and the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Secretary of the Navy may enter into agreements and contracts for the mutual use or exchange of use of hospital and domiciliary facilities, and such supplies, equipment, and material as may be needed to operate such facilities properly, or for the transfer, without reimbursement of appropriations, of facilities, supplies, equipment, or material necessary and proper for authorized care for veterans, except that at no time shall the Administrator enter into any agreement which will result in a permanent reduction of Veterans’ Administration hospital and domiciliary beds below the number established or approved on June 22, 1944, plus the estimated number required to meet the load of eligibles under this title, or in any way subordinate or transfer the operation of the Veterans’ Administration to any other agency of the Government.

38 USC 5012.

“§5012. Partial relinquishment of legislative jurisdiction

“The Administrator, on behalf of the United States, may relinquish to the State in which any lands or interests therein under the supervision or control of the Administrator are situated, such measure of legislative jurisdiction over such lands or interests as is necessary to establish concurrent jurisdiction between the Federal Government and the State concerned. Such partial relinquishment of legislative jurisdiction shall be initiated by filing a notice thereof with the Governor of the State concerned, or in such other manner as may be prescribed by the laws of such State, and shall take effect upon acceptance by such State.

Filing of notice with Governor of State.