

VOLUME 7A CHAPTER 62: “HEALTH PROFESSIONS STIPEND PROGRAM FOR RESERVE SERVICE”

SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

All changes are denoted by **blue font**.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an * symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by **bold, italic, blue, and underlined font**.

The previous version dated August 2012 is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
620201	Updated to reflect Stipend increase from \$2,122 to \$2,157.30 effective July 1, 2013.	Update
6208	Inserted authority for Mental Health Professionals in Critical Wartime Specialties.	Add
Bibliography	Updated memorandum and inserted citation.	Update

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HEALTH PROFESSIONS STIPEND PROGRAM FOR RESERVE SERVICE

6201 GENERAL

The purpose of the Health Professional Stipend Program for Reserve Service is to obtain adequate numbers of commissioned officers in the reserve components who are qualified in health professions. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may establish and maintain a program to provide financial assistance under this chapter to persons engaged in training that leads to a degree in medicine or dentistry or training in a health professions specialty that is critically needed in wartime. The Secretary concerned may agree to pay a financial stipend to persons engaged in health care education and training in return for a commitment to subsequent service in the Ready Reserve.

6202 PAY COMPUTATION

*620201. Stipend

When a participant has agreed to serve in the Selected Reserve, the amount of a stipend effective [July 1, 2013](#) shall be [\\$2,157.30](#) or one-half of that rate, if the participant has agreed to serve in the Individual Ready Reserve.

A. Payment. The stipend is payable during the course of specialized advanced training, during vacation periods, and during periods when officers are participating in annual training with the Selected Reserve. The stipend is prorated for portions of a month at the beginning and end of the course of specialized advanced training.

B. Termination. When an officer's eligibility to the stipend program is terminated, the officer no longer is entitled to receive the stipend. The effective date of termination is set by program administrators and communicated to the paying activity. Termination is based on criteria set by the Department of Defense.

C. Recoupment. A member of the program, who, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, is dropped from the program for deficiency in training, or for other reasons, shall be required:

1. To perform 1 year of active duty for each year (or part thereof) for which such person was provided financial assistance under this section; or

2. To comply with the repayment provisions of [Title 37 United States Code \(U.S.C.\) section 303a \(e\)](#) and Chapter 2.

NOTE: The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may relieve a member participating in the program who is dropped from the program from any requirement that may be imposed

under subparagraph 620201.C, but such relief shall not relieve him from any military obligation imposed by any other law.

D. Prohibitions of Duplicate Benefits. Financial assistance may not be provided under this section to a member receiving financial assistance under [10 U.S.C. section 2107](#).

620202. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)

See Chapter 47, section 4703. For deductions during active duty periods, see Chapter 47, section 4706.

620203. Tax Withholding

A. Active duty pay paid under this program is subject to Federal Income Tax Withholding (FITW) and Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA) in the same manner as prescribed in Chapters 44 and 45.

B. Monthly stipends paid to students entering the program are subject to FITW.

C. Monthly stipends are not subject to FICA withholding.

620204. Settlement of Deceased Member's Accounts

See Chapter 36, section 3602 for authority for payment of any unpaid pay and allowances (includes amount of unpaid stipend).

6203 REQUIRED ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING

620301. Selected Reserve

A person who is required under the agreements described in sections 6204 through 6208 to serve in the Selected Reserve shall serve not less than 12 days of active duty for training each year during the period of service required by the agreement.

620302. Individual Ready Reserve Service (IRR)

A person who is required under the agreements described in sections 6204 through 6208 to serve in the IRR shall serve:

A. Not less than 30 days of initial active duty for training; and

B. Not less than 5 days of active duty for training each year during the period of service required by the agreement.

620303. Nonavailability

Members of the Ready Reserve who incur a period of authorized nonavailability shall be suspended without recoupment from their incentive. If subsequently assigned to the Reserve status and skill originally contracted for, then members may be reinstated in the incentive program, if they extend their term of service or contract for service to be able to serve the full original incentive contract period. Entitlement to subsequent payments shall resume on the adjusted anniversary date of satisfactory and creditable Reserve Service, as appropriate. These members are assigned temporarily to the Standby Reserve or to the Inactive National Guard, as appropriate, during the period of authorized nonavailability and are required to extend their Selected Reserve service agreement for a period of time that equals the period of authorized nonavailability.

A. Members of the Selected Reserve may incur a period of authorized nonavailability for up to 1 year for valid personal reasons as determined by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned.

B. During the period of nonavailability, a member is suspended without concurrent recoupment. The member shall not be entitled to subsequent payments or any other available incentives.

C. An officer is entitled to stipend payments when the anniversary date of satisfactory and creditable Ready Reserve service is adjusted for the period of authorized nonavailability.

6204 MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

620401. Eligibility

The Secretary of the Military Department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who:

- A. Is eligible to be appointed as an officer in a reserve component;
- B. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in an institution in a course of study that results in a degree in medicine or dentistry;
- C. Signs an agreement that, unless [earlier](#) separated, the person will:
 1. Complete the educational phase of the program; and
 2. Accept a re-appointment or re-designation within the person's reserve component, if tendered, based upon the person's health profession, following satisfactory completion of the educational and intern programs; and
 3. Participate in a residency program; and

D. Agrees to apply for (if eligible) and accept (if offered), residency training in a health profession skill, which has been designated by the Secretary of Defense as a critically needed wartime skill.

620402. Agreement

A. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned shall agree to pay the participant a stipend, in the amount contained in paragraph 620201, for the period or the remainder of the period that the student is satisfactorily progressing toward a degree in medicine or dentistry while enrolled in an accredited medical or dental school;

B. The participant shall not be eligible to receive such stipend before appointment, designation, or assignment as an officer for service in the Ready Reserve;

C. The participant shall be subject to such active duty requirements as may be specified in the agreement and to active duty in time of war or national emergency as provided by law for members of the Ready Reserve; and

D. The participant shall agree to serve in the Selected Reserve, upon successful completion of the program, for the period of 1 year for each 6 months, or part thereof, for which the participant is provided a stipend pursuant to the agreement.

E. In the case of a participant who enters into a subsequent agreement under section 6205 and successfully completes residency training in a specialty designated by the Secretary of Defense as a specialty critically needed by the military department in wartime, the requirement to serve in the Selected Reserve may be reduced to 1 year for each year, or part thereof, for which the stipend was provided while enrolled in medical or dental school.

6205 PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS IN CRITICAL WARTIME SPECIALTIES

620501. Eligibility

Under the stipend program under this chapter, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who:

A. Is a graduate of a medical school or dental school;

B. Is eligible for appointment, designation, or assignment as a medical officer or dental officer in the Reserve of the Armed Force concerned or has been appointed as a medical or dental officer in the Reserve of the Armed Force concerned;

C. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in a residency program for physicians or dentists in a medical or dental specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as a specialty critically needed by that military department in wartime.

620502. Agreement

A. The Secretary shall agree to pay the participant a stipend, in the amount contained in paragraph 620201, for the period or the remainder of the period of the residency program in which the participant enrolls or is enrolled;

B. The participant shall not be eligible to receive such stipend before appointment, designation, or assignment as a medical officer or dental officer for service in the Ready Reserve;

C. The participant shall be subject to such active duty requirements as may be specified in the agreement and to active duty in time of war or national emergency as provided by law for members of the Ready Reserve; and

D. The participant shall agree to serve, upon successful completion of the program, 1 year in the Ready Reserve for each 6 months, or part thereof, for which the stipend is provided, to be served in the Selected Reserve or in the Individual Ready Reserve as specified in the agreement.

6206 REGISTERED NURSES IN CRITICAL SPECIALTIES

620601. Eligibility

Under the stipend program under this chapter, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who:

A. Is a registered nurse,

B. Is eligible for appointment as:

1. A Reserve officer for service in the Army Reserve in the Army Nurse Corps; or

2. A Reserve officer for service in the Navy Reserve in the Navy Nurse Corps; or

3. A Reserve officer for service in the Air Force Reserve with a designation as an Air Force nurse under [10 U.S.C. section 8067\(e\)](#); and

C. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in an accredited program in nursing in a specialty designated by the Secretary concerned as a specialty critically needed by that military department in wartime.

620602. Agreement

A. The Secretary shall agree to pay the participant a stipend, in the amount contained in paragraph 620201, for the period or the remainder of the period of the nursing program in which the participant enrolls or is enrolled;

B. The participant shall not be eligible to receive such stipend before being appointed as a Reserve officer for service in the Ready Reserve:

1. In the Nurse Corps of the Army or Navy; or

2. As an Air Force nurse of the Air Force; and

C. The participant shall be subject to such active duty requirements as may be specified in the agreement and to active duty in time of war or national emergency as provided by law for members of the Ready Reserve; and

D. The participant shall agree to serve, upon successful completion of the program, 1 year in the Ready Reserve for each 6 months, or part thereof, for which the stipend is provided, to be served in the Selected Reserve or in the Individual Ready Reserve as specified in the agreement.

6207 BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS IN NURSING OR OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONS

620701. Eligibility

Under the stipend program under this chapter, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who:

A. Will, upon completion of the program, be eligible to be appointed, designated, or assigned as a Reserve officer for duty as a nurse or other health professional; and

B. Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment in the third or fourth year of:

1. An accredited baccalaureate nursing program; or

2. Any other accredited baccalaureate program leading to a degree in a health-care profession designated by the Secretary concerned as a profession critically needed by that military department in wartime.

620702. Agreement

A. The Secretary shall agree to pay the participant a monthly stipend in the amount contained in paragraph 620201 for the period or the remainder of the period of the baccalaureate program in which the participant enrolls or is enrolled;

B. The participant shall not be eligible to receive such stipend before enlistment in the Ready Reserve;

C. The participant shall be subject to such active duty requirements as may be specified in the agreement and to active duty in time of war or national emergency as provided by law for members of the Ready Reserve; and

D. The participant shall agree to serve, upon graduation from the baccalaureate program, 1 year in the Ready Reserve for each year, or part thereof, for which the stipend is paid.

***6208 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN CRITICAL WARTIME SPECIALTIES**

620801. Eligibility

Under the stipend program contained in this chapter, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned may enter into an agreement with a person who:

A. Is eligible to be appointed as an officer in a reserve component;

B. Is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment in an institution in a course of study that results in a degree in clinical psychology or social work;

C. Signs an agreement that, unless earlier separated, the person will:

1. Complete the educational phase of the program;

2. Accept a re-appointment or re-designation within the person's reserve component, if tendered, based upon the person's health profession, following satisfactory completion of the educational and intern programs; and

3. Participate in a residency program if required for clinical licensure in a mental health profession skill; and

D. If required by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, agrees to apply for, if eligible, and accept, if offered, residency training in a mental health profession skill that has been designated by the Secretary as a critically needed wartime skill.

620802. Agreement

A. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned shall agree to pay the participant a stipend, in the amount determined contained in paragraph 620201, for the period or the remainder of the period that the student is satisfactorily progressing toward a degree in clinical psychology or social work while enrolled in a school accredited in the designated mental health discipline;

B. The participant shall not be eligible to receive such stipend before appointment, designation, or assignment as an officer for service in the Selected Reserve;

C. The participant shall be subject to such active duty requirements as may be specified in the agreement and to active duty in time of war or national emergency as provided by law for members of the Selected Reserve; and

D. The participant shall agree to serve, upon successful completion of the program, one year in the Selected Reserve for each six months, or part thereof, for which the stipend is provided.

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