

1 *proof satisfactory to the Secretary establishing his entitle-*
 2 *ment thereto.*

3 “(c) *The benefits provided by reason of section 1832*
 4 *(a)(3) may be paid by the Secretary or the Secretary*
 5 *may utilize the service of carriers for the administration of*
 6 *such benefits under contracts entered into between the Secre-*
 7 *tary and such carriers for such purpose. To the extent deter-*
 8 *mined by the Secretary to be appropriate, the provisions*
 9 *relating to contracts entered into pursuant to section 1842*
 10 *shall be applicable to contracts entered into pursuant to this*
 11 *subsection.*

12 “*FORMULARY COMMITTEE*

13 “*SEC. 1846. (a) There is hereby established a Formu-*
 14 *lary Committee to consist of the Surgeon General of the*
 15 *Public Health Service, the Commissioner of the Food and*
 16 *Drug Administration, and the Director of the National In-*
 17 *stitutes of Health.*

18 “(b)(1) *It shall be the duty of the Formulary Com-*
 19 *mittee, with the advice and assistance of the Formulary Ad-*
 20 *visory Group (established pursuant to section 1847) to—*

21 “(A) *determine which drugs and biologicals shall*
 22 *constitute qualified drugs for purposes of the benefits*
 23 *provided under section 1832(a); and*

24 “(B) *determine, with the approval of the Secre-*