

duce such inconsistency or conflicts, and recommendations for legislation or administrative action that the Secretary determines appropriate to further reduce such inconsistency or conflicts.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, § 1871, as added Pub. L. 89-97, title I, § 102(a) July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 331; amended Pub. L. 99-509, title IX, § 9321(e)(1), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 2017; Pub. L. 100-203, title IV, § 4035(b), (c), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1330-78; Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, §§ 902(a)(1), (b)(1), 903(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), 904(b), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2375-2377.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 108-173, § 902(a)(1), added par. (3).

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 108-173, § 902(b)(1), added par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 108-173, § 903(a)(1), added subsec. (e).

Subsec. (e)(1)(B), (C). Pub. L. 108-173, § 903(b)(1), added subpars. (B) and (C).

Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 108-173, § 903(c)(1), added par. (2).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-173, § 904(b), added subsec. (f). 1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-203, § 4035(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-203, § 4035(c), added subsec. (c). 1986—Pub. L. 99-509 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 902(a)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2375, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003]. The Secretary [of Health and Human Services] shall provide for an appropriate transition to take into account the backlog of previously published interim final regulations.”

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 902(b)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2376, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to final regulations published on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003].”

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 903(a)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2376, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to substantive changes issued on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003].”

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 903(b)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2376, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to compliance actions undertaken on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003].”

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 903(c)(2), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2377, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003] and shall only apply to a penalty or interest imposed with respect to guidance provided on or after July 24, 2003.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-203 effective Dec. 22, 1987, and applicable to budgets for fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1989, see section 4035(a)(3) of Pub. L. 100-203, set out as a note under section 1395h of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Section 9321(e)(3)(A) of Pub. L. 99-509 provided that: “The amendments made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply to notices of proposed rule-making issued after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1986].”

#### REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 101-508, title IV, § 4207(j), formerly § 4027(j), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-124, as renumbered and amended by Pub. L. 103-432, title I, § 160(d)(4), (12), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4444, provided that: “The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue such regulations (on an interim or other basis) as may be necessary to implement this subtitle [subtitle A (§§ 4000-4361) of title IV of Pub. L. 101-508, see Tables for classification] and the amendments made by this subtitle.”

Section 4039(g) of title IV of Pub. L. 100-203 provided that: “The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue such regulations (on an interim or other basis) as may be necessary to implement this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle A (§§ 4001-4097) of title IV of Pub. L. 100-203, see Tables for classification].”

#### GAO STUDY ON ADVISORY OPINION AUTHORITY

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 904(a), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2377, provided that:

“(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of establishing in the Secretary [of Health and Human Services] authority to provide legally binding advisory opinions on appropriate interpretation and application of regulations to carry out the medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act [this subchapter]. Such study shall examine the appropriate timeframe for issuing such advisory opinions, as well as the need for additional staff and funding to provide such opinions.

“(2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under paragraph (1) by not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003].”

#### § 1395ii. Application of certain provisions of subchapter II

The provisions of sections 406 and 416(j) of this title, and of subsections (a), (d), (e), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l) of section 405 of this title, shall also apply with respect to this subchapter to the same extent as they are applicable with respect to subchapter II of this chapter, except that, in applying such provisions with respect to this subchapter, any reference therein to the Commissioner of Social Security or the Social Security Administration shall be considered a reference to the Secretary or the Department of Health and Human Services, respectively.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, § 1872, as added Pub. L. 89-97, title I, § 102(a), July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 332; amended Pub. L. 92-603, title II, § 242(a), Oct. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 1419; Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title III, § 2354(b)(36), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1102; Pub. L. 103-296, title I, § 108(c)(4), Aug. 15, 1994, 108 Stat. 1485.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-296 inserted before period at end “, except that, in applying such provisions with respect to this subchapter, any reference therein to the Commissioner of Social Security or the Social Security Administration shall be considered a reference to the Secretary or the Department of Health and Human Services, respectively”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-369 struck out the comma after “406” and struck out reference to subsec. (f) of section 405 of this title.

1972—Pub. L. 92-603 struck out reference to provisions of section 408 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-296 effective Mar. 31, 1995, see section 110(a) of Pub. L. 103-296, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-369 effective July 18, 1984, but not to be construed as changing or affecting any right, liability, status, or interpretation which existed (under the provisions of law involved) before that date, see section 2354(e)(1) of Pub. L. 98-369, set out as a note under section 1320a-1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-603 not applicable to any acts, statements, or representations made or committed prior to Oct. 30, 1972, see section 242(d) of Pub. L. 92-603, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1320a-7b of this title.

**§ 1395jj. Designation of organization or publication by name**

Designation in this subchapter, by name, of any nongovernmental organization or publication shall not be affected by change of name of such organization or publication, and shall apply to any successor organization or publication which the Secretary finds serves the purpose for which such designation is made.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, § 1873, as added Pub. L. 89-97, title I, § 102(a), July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 332.)

**§ 1395kk. Administration of insurance programs**

**(a) Functions of Secretary; performance directly or by contract**

Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter and in the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 [45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.], the insurance programs established by this subchapter shall be administered by the Secretary. The Secretary may perform any of his functions under this subchapter directly, or by contract providing for payment in advance or by way of reimbursement, and in such installments, as the Secretary may deem necessary.

**(b) Contracts to secure special data, actuarial information, etc.**

The Secretary may contract with any person, agency, or institution to secure on a reimbursable basis such special data, actuarial information, and other information as may be necessary in the carrying out of his functions under this subchapter.

**(c) Oaths and affirmations**

In the course of any hearing, investigation, or other proceeding that he is authorized to conduct under this subchapter, the Secretary may administer oaths and affirmations.

**(d) Inclusion of Medicare provider and supplier payments in Federal Payment Levy Program**

**(1) In general**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services shall take all necessary steps to participate in the Federal Payment Levy Program under section 6331(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as soon as possible and shall ensure that—

(A) at least 50 percent of all payments under parts A and B are processed through such program beginning within 1 year after July 15, 2008;<sup>1</sup>

(B) at least 75 percent of all payments under parts A and B are processed through such program beginning within 2 years after July 15, 2008; and

(C) all payments under parts A and B are processed through such program beginning not later than September 30, 2011.

**(2) Assistance**

The Financial Management Service and the Internal Revenue Service shall provide assistance to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to ensure that all payments described in paragraph (1) are included in the Federal Payment Levy Program by the deadlines specified in that subsection.

**(e) Availability of Medicare data**

**(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary shall make available to qualified entities (as defined in paragraph (2)) data described in paragraph (3) for the evaluation of the performance of providers of services and suppliers.

**(2) Qualified entities**

For purposes of this subsection, the term “qualified entity” means a public or private entity that—

(A) is qualified (as determined by the Secretary) to use claims data to evaluate the performance of providers of services and suppliers on measures of quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and resource use; and

(B) agrees to meet the requirements described in paragraph (4) and meets such other requirements as the Secretary may specify, such as ensuring security of data.

**(3) Data described**

The data described in this paragraph are standardized extracts (as determined by the Secretary) of claims data under parts A, B, and D for items and services furnished under such parts for one or more specified geographic areas and time periods requested by a qualified entity. The Secretary shall take such actions as the Secretary deems necessary to protect the identity of individuals entitled to or enrolled for benefits under such parts.

**(4) Requirements**

**(A) Fee**

Data described in paragraph (3) shall be made available to a qualified entity under this subsection at a fee equal to the cost of making such data available. Any fee collected pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be deposited into the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund under section 1395t of this title.

**(B) Specification of uses and methodologies**

A qualified entity requesting data under this subsection shall—

(i) submit to the Secretary a description of the methodologies that such qualified

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.