

(1) make recommendations to the Secretary specifying the particular projects of research, or the particular categories of research, that should be conducted or supported by the Secretary;

(2) of the projects specified under paragraph (1), make recommendations to the Secretary of the projects that should be given priority in the provision of funds; and

(3) make recommendations to the Secretary of the amount of funds that should be appropriated for such research.

**(c) Provision of information to public**

The Task Force may make available to health professionals, and to other members of the public, information regarding the research described in subsection (b) of this section.

(Pub. L. 101-557, title III, §301, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2768.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 242q-4 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "section 305", meaning section 305 of Pub. L. 101-557. Section 305 was renumbered section 304 by Pub. L. 109-482, title I, §104(b)(3)(B), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3694.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Home Health Care and Alzheimer's Disease Amendments of 1990, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 242q-1. Membership**

**(a) Composition**

The Task Force shall be composed of—

- (1) the Assistant Secretary for Health;
- (2) the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service;
- (3) the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation;
- (4) the Director of the National Institute on Aging, and the Directors of such other agencies of the National Institutes of Health as the Secretary determines to be appropriate;
- (5) the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging;
- (6) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs;
- (7) the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (8) the Administrator of the the<sup>1</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration;
- (9) the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;
- (10) the Commissioner of Social Security;
- (11) the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality;
- (12) two Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the Minority Leader, and two members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority Leader, not more than one of whom from each body shall be members of the same political party; and

(13) three members of the general public, to be appointed by the Secretary, that shall include one representative each from—

(A) a nonprofit group representing older Americans;

(B) a private voluntary health organization concerned with the health problems affecting older Americans; and

(C) a nonprofit organization concerned with research related to the health and independence of older Americans.

**(b) Chair**

The Secretary, acting through either the Assistant Secretary for Health or the Director of the National Institute on Aging, shall serve as the Chair of the Task Force.

**(c) Quorum**

A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum, and a lesser number may hold hearings.

**(d) Meetings**

The Task Force shall meet periodically at the call of the Chair, but in no event less than twice each year.

**(e) Compensation and expenses**

**(1) Compensation**

Members of the Task Force who are not regular full-time employees of the United States Government shall, while attending meetings and conferences of the Task Force or otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force (including traveltime), be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding the rate specified at the time of such service under GS-18 of the General Schedules established under section 5332 of title 5.

**(2) Expenses**

While away from their homes or regular places of business on the business of the Task Force, members of such Task Force may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as is authorized under section 5703 of title 5 for persons employed intermittently in the Government service.

(Pub. L. 101-557, title III, §302, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2769; Pub. L. 102-321, title I, §161, July 10, 1992, 106 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 102-405, title III, §302(e)(1), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 106-129, §2(b)(2), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1670; Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, §900(e)(6)(D), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2373.)

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AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(9). Pub. L. 108-173 substituted "Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services" for "Health Care Financing Administration".

1999—Subsec. (a)(11). Pub. L. 106-129 substituted "Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality" for "Administrator for Health Care Policy and Research".

1992—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 102-405 substituted "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs" for "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 102-321 substituted "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration" for

<sup>1</sup> So in original.

“Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-321 effective Oct. 1, 1992, with provision for programs providing financial assistance, see section 801(c), (d) of Pub. L. 102-321, set out as a note under section 236 of this title.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

**§ 242q-2. Administrative staff and support**

The Secretary, acting through either the Assistant Secretary for Health or the Director of the National Institute on Aging, shall appoint an Executive Secretary for the Task Force and shall provide the Task Force with such administrative staff and support as may be necessary to enable the Task Force to carry out subsections (b) and (c) of section 242q of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-557, title III, § 303, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2770.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Home Health Care and Alzheimer’s Disease Amendments of 1990, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 242q-3. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-482, title I, § 104(b)(3)(B), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3694**

Section, Pub. L. 101-557, title III, § 304, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2770, related to reports that provided recommendations required in section 242q(b) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable only with respect to amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2007 or subsequent fiscal years, see section 109 of Pub. L. 109-482, set out as an Effective Date of 2007 Amendment note under section 281 of this title.

**§ 242q-4. Definitions**

For purposes of sections 242q to 242q-5 of this title:

**(1) Aging research**

(A) The term “aging research” means research on the aging process and on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, disorders, and complications related to aging, including menopause. Such research includes research on such treatments, and on medical devices and other medical interventions regarding such diseases, disorders, and complications, that can assist individuals in avoiding institutionalization and prolonged hospitalization and in otherwise increasing the independence of the individuals.

(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term “independence”, with respect to diseases, disorders, and complications of aging, means the functional ability of individuals to perform activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living without assistance or supervision.

**(2) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**(3) Task Force**

The term “Task Force” means the Task Force on Aging Research established under section 242q(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-557, title III, § 304, formerly § 305, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2770; renumbered § 304, Pub. L. 109-482, title I, § 104(b)(3)(B), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3694.)

CODIFICATION

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 304 of Pub. L. 101-557 was classified to section 242q-3 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-482.

**§ 242q-5. Authorization of appropriations**

For the purpose of carrying out sections 242q to 242q-5 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1991 through 1993.

(Pub. L. 101-557, title III, § 305, formerly § 306, Nov. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 2770; renumbered § 305, Pub. L. 109-482, title I, § 104(b)(3)(B), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3694.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Home Health Care and Alzheimer’s Disease Amendments of 1990, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 305 of Pub. L. 101-557 was renumbered section 304 and is classified to section 242q-4 of this title.

**§ 242r. Improvement and publication of data on food-related allergic responses**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall improve (including by educating physicians and other health care providers) the collection of, and publish as it becomes available, national data on—

(1) the prevalence of food allergies;

(2) the incidence of clinically significant or serious adverse events related to food allergies; and

(3) the use of different modes of treatment for and prevention of allergic responses to foods.

**(b) Authorization of appropriations**

For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary.

(Pub. L. 108-282, title II, § 207, Aug. 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 910.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, and not as