

officials of other State or local public or private agencies, institutions, or organizations to confer as he deems necessary or proper. Upon the application of health authorities of five or more States it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a conference of all State health authorities joining in the request. Each State represented at any conference shall be entitled to a single vote. Whenever at any such conference matters relating to mental health are to be discussed, the mental health authorities of the respective States shall be invited to attend.

(b) From time to time the Secretary shall issue information related to public health, in the form of publications or otherwise, for the use of the public, and shall publish weekly reports of health conditions in the United States and other countries and other pertinent health information for the use of persons and institutions concerned with health services.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §310, formerly §§309, 310, as added Pub. L. 93-353, title I, §107(a), July 23, 1974, 88 Stat. 371; renumbered §310, Pub. L. 95-623, §6(a), (b), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3447.)

CODIFICATION

Subsec. (a) of this section consists of former section 309 of act July 1, 1944, prior to the renumbering of that section as section 310(a) by Pub. L. 95-623. Subsec. (b) of this section consists of former section 310 of act July 1, 1944, prior to the renumbering of that section as section 310(b) by Pub. L. 95-623.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 310 of act July 1, 1944, was renumbered section 329, and was classified to section 254b of this title prior to the general amendment of subpart I (§254b et seq.) of part D of this subchapter by Pub. L. 104-299.

Provisions similar to those comprising subsec. (a) of this section were contained in section 312 of act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, 58 Stat. 693, as amended (formerly classified to section 244 of this title), prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-353, §102(a).

Provisions similar to those comprising subsec. (b) of this section were contained in section 315 of act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, 58 Stat. 695; Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-515, title II, §282, 84 Stat. 1308 (formerly classified to section 247 of this title), prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-353, §102(a).

§ 242p. National disease prevention data profile

(a) The Secretary, acting through the National Center for Health Statistics, shall submit to Congress on March 15, 1990, and on March 15 of every third year thereafter, a national disease prevention data profile in order to provide a data base for the effective implementation of this Act and to increase public awareness of the prevalence, incidence, and any trends in the preventable causes of death and disability in the United States. Such profile shall include at a minimum—

- (1) mortality rates for preventable diseases;
- (2) morbidity rates associated with preventable diseases;
- (3) the physical determinants of health of the population of the United States and the relationship between these determinants of health and the incidence and prevalence of preventable causes of death and disability; and
- (4) the behavioral determinants of health of the population of the United States including, but not limited to, smoking, nutritional and

dietary habits, exercise, and alcohol consumption, and the relationship between these determinants of health and the incidence and prevalence of preventable causes of death and disability.

(b) In preparing the profile required by subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary, acting through the National Center for Health Statistics, shall comply with all relevant provisions of sections 242k and 242m of this title.

(Pub. L. 95-626, title IV, §404, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3591; Pub. L. 100-177, title I, §106(b), Dec. 1, 1987, 101 Stat. 989.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 95-626, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3551, known as the Health Services and Centers Amendments of 1978. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1978 Amendments note set out under section 201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Health Services and Centers Amendments of 1978, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-177 substituted “on March 15, 1990, and on March 15 of every third year thereafter” for “on December 1, 1980, and on December 1 of every third year thereafter” in first sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-177 applicable to reports and profiles required to be submitted after Nov. 1, 1987, see section 106(c) of Pub. L. 100-177, set out as a note under section 242m of this title.

§ 242q. Task Force on Aging Research; establishment and duties

(a) Establishment

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish a Task Force on Aging Research.

(b) Duties

With respect to aging research (as defined in section 242q-4¹ of this title), the Task Force each fiscal year shall—

- (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.)

¹ See References in Text note below.

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 the¹ 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.

¹ So in original.

(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.)

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.

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 “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