

**§ 280i-4. Authorization of appropriations****(a) Developmental disabilities surveillance and research program**

To carry out section 280i of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$22,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

**(b) Autism education, early detection, and intervention**

To carry out section 280i-1 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$48,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

**(c) Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee; certain other programs**

To carry out sections 280i-2, 283j, and 284g of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated \$190,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, § 399EE, as added Pub. L. 109-416, § 4(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2829; amended Pub. L. 112-32, § 3, Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 361; Pub. L. 113-157, § 7, Aug. 8, 2014, 128 Stat. 1836.)

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-157, § 7(1), substituted “fiscal years 2015 through 2019” for “fiscal years 2012 through 2014”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-157, § 7(2), substituted “fiscal years 2015 through 2019” for “fiscal years 2011 through 2014”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-157, § 7(3), substituted “\$190,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019” for “\$161,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2014”.

2011—Pub. L. 112-32 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section authorized appropriations for fiscal years 2007 to 2011.

## PART S—HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAMS

## SUBPART I—NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE

## CODIFICATION

Subpart is based on subpart I of part S of title III of act July 1, 1944, as added by Pub. L. 111-148, title III, § 3011, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 378. No subpart II has been enacted.

**§ 280j. National strategy for quality improvement in health care****(a) Establishment of national strategy and priorities****(1) National strategy**

The Secretary, through a transparent collaborative process, shall establish a national strategy to improve the delivery of health care services, patient health outcomes, and population health.

**(2) Identification of priorities****(A) In general**

The Secretary shall identify national priorities for improvement in developing the strategy under paragraph (1).

**(B) Requirements**

The Secretary shall ensure that priorities identified under subparagraph (A) will—

- (i) have the greatest potential for improving the health outcomes, efficiency,

and patient-centeredness of health care for all populations, including children and vulnerable populations;

- (ii) identify areas in the delivery of health care services that have the potential for rapid improvement in the quality and efficiency of patient care;

- (iii) address gaps in quality, efficiency, comparative effectiveness information (taking into consideration the limitations set forth in subsections (c) and (d) of section 1182 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1320e-1(c), (d)]), and health outcomes measures and data aggregation techniques;

- (iv) improve Federal payment policy to emphasize quality and efficiency;

- (v) enhance the use of health care data to improve quality, efficiency, transparency, and outcomes;

- (vi) address the health care provided to patients with high-cost chronic diseases;

- (vii) improve research and dissemination of strategies and best practices to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors, preventable admissions and readmissions, and health care-associated infections;

- (viii) reduce health disparities across health disparity populations (as defined in section 285t<sup>1</sup> of this title) and geographic areas; and

- (ix) address other areas as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

**(C) Considerations**

In identifying priorities under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall take into consideration the recommendations submitted by the entity with a contract under section 1890(a) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(a)] and other stakeholders.

**(D) Coordination with State agencies**

The Secretary shall collaborate, coordinate, and consult with State agencies responsible for administering the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.] and the Children’s Health Insurance Program under title XXI of such Act [42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.] with respect to developing and disseminating strategies, goals, models, and timetables that are consistent with the national priorities identified under subparagraph (A).

**(b) Strategic plan****(1) In general**

The national strategy shall include a comprehensive strategic plan to achieve the priorities described in subsection (a).

**(2) Requirements**

The strategic plan shall include provisions for addressing, at a minimum, the following:

- (A) Coordination among agencies within the Department, which shall include steps to minimize duplication of efforts and utilization of common quality measures, where available. Such common quality measures shall be measures identified by the Sec-

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