

## AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-148, §10305, amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary shall collect and aggregate consistent data on quality and resource use measures from information systems used to support health care delivery to implement the public reporting of performance information, as described in section 280j-2 of this title, and may award grants or contracts for this purpose. The Secretary shall ensure that such collection, aggregation, and analysis systems span an increasingly broad range of patient populations, providers, and geographic areas over time.”

**§ 280j-2. Public reporting of performance information**

**(a) Development of performance websites**

The Secretary shall make available to the public, through standardized Internet websites, performance information summarizing data on quality measures. Such information shall be tailored to respond to the differing needs of hospitals and other institutional health care providers, physicians and other clinicians, patients, consumers, researchers, policymakers, States, and other stakeholders, as the Secretary may specify.

**(b) Information on conditions**

The performance information made publicly available on an Internet website, as described in subsection (a), shall include information regarding clinical conditions to the extent such information is available, and the information shall, where appropriate, be provider-specific and sufficiently disaggregated and specific to meet the needs of patients with different clinical conditions.

**(c) Consultation**

**(1) In general**

In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with the entity with a contract under section 1890(a) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(a)], and other entities, as appropriate, to determine the type of information that is useful to stakeholders and the format that best facilitates use of the reports and of performance reporting Internet websites.

**(2) Consultation with stakeholders**

The entity with a contract under section 1890(a) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(a)] shall convene multi-stakeholder groups, as described in such section, to review the design and format of each Internet website made available under subsection (a) and shall transmit to the Secretary the views of such multi-stakeholder groups with respect to each such design and format.

**(d) Coordination**

Where appropriate, the Secretary shall coordinate the manner in which data are presented through Internet websites described in subsection (a) and for public reporting of other quality measures by the Secretary, including such quality measures under title XVIII of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.].

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399JJ, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §3015, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 388.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (d), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Title XVIII of the Act is classified generally to subchapter XVIII (§1395 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

**§ 280j-3. Quality improvement program for hospitals with a high severity adjusted readmission rate**

**(a) Establishment**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 2 years after March 23, 2010, the Secretary shall make available a program for eligible hospitals to improve their readmission rates through the use of patient safety organizations (as defined in section 299b-21(4) of this title).

**(2) Eligible hospital defined**

In this subsection, the term “eligible hospital” means a hospital that the Secretary determines has a high rate of risk adjusted readmissions for the conditions described in section 1395ww(q)(8)(A) of this title and has not taken appropriate steps to reduce such readmissions and improve patient safety as evidenced through historically high rates of readmissions, as determined by the Secretary.

**(3) Risk adjustment**

The Secretary shall utilize appropriate risk adjustment measures to determine eligible hospitals.

**(b) Report to the Secretary**

As determined appropriate by the Secretary, eligible hospitals and patient safety organizations working with those hospitals shall report to the Secretary on the processes employed by the hospital to improve readmission rates and the impact of such processes on readmission rates.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399KK, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §3025(b), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 412.)

PART T—ORAL HEALTHCARE PREVENTION  
ACTIVITIES

**§ 280k. Oral healthcare prevention education campaign**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with professional oral health organizations, shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, establish a 5-year national, public education campaign (referred to in this section as the “campaign”) that is focused on oral healthcare prevention and education, including prevention of oral disease such as early childhood and other caries, periodontal disease, and oral cancer.

**(b) Requirements**

In establishing the campaign, the Secretary shall—

(1) ensure that activities are targeted towards specific populations such as children, pregnant women, parents, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and ethnic and racial minority populations, including Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians (as defined in section 1603(c)<sup>1</sup> of title 25) in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner; and

(2) utilize science-based strategies to convey oral health prevention messages that include, but are not limited to, community water fluoridation and dental sealants.

**(c) Planning and implementation**

Not later than 2 years after March 23, 2010, the Secretary shall begin implementing the 5-year campaign. During the 2-year period referred to in the previous sentence, the Secretary shall conduct planning activities with respect to the campaign.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399LL, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title IV, §4102(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 550.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1603(c) of title 25, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), which defines “Indians”, was redesignated section 1603(13) of title 25 by Pub. L. 111-148, title X, §10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.

**§ 280k-1. Research-based dental caries disease management**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall award demonstration grants to eligible entities to demonstrate the effectiveness of research-based dental caries disease management activities.

**(b) Eligibility**

To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall—

(1) be a community-based provider of dental services (as defined by the Secretary), including a Federally-qualified health center, a clinic of a hospital owned or operated by a State (or by an instrumentality or a unit of government within a State), a State or local department of health, a dental program of the Indian Health Service, an Indian tribe or tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization (as such terms are defined in section 1603 of title 25), a health system provider, a private provider of dental services, medical, dental, public health, nursing, nutrition educational institutions, or national organizations involved in improving children’s oral health; and

(2) submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

**(c) Use of funds**

A grantee shall use amounts received under a grant under this section to demonstrate the effectiveness of research-based dental caries disease management activities.

**(d) Use of information**

The Secretary shall utilize information generated from grantees under this section in plan-

ning and implementing the public education campaign under section 280k of this title.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399LL-1, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title IV, §4102(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 551.)

**§ 280k-2. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part, such sums as may be necessary.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399LL-2, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title IV, §4102(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 551.)

**§ 280k-3. Updating national oral healthcare surveillance activities**

**(1) PRAMS**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall carry out activities to update and improve the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (referred to in this section as “PRAMS”) as it relates to oral healthcare.

**(B) State reports and mandatory measurements**

**(i) In general**

Not later than 5 years after March 23, 2010, and every 5 years thereafter, a State shall submit to the Secretary a report concerning activities conducted within the State under PRAMS.

**(ii) Measurements**

The oral healthcare measurements developed by the Secretary for use under PRAMS shall be mandatory with respect to States for purposes of the State reports under clause (i).

**(C) Funding**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this paragraph, such sums as may be necessary.

**(2) National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey**

The Secretary shall develop oral healthcare components that shall include tooth-level surveillance for inclusion in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Such components shall be updated by the Secretary at least every 6 years. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “tooth-level surveillance” means a clinical examination where an examiner looks at each dental surface, on each tooth in the mouth and as expanded by the Division of Oral Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**(3) Medical Expenditures Panel Survey**

The Secretary shall ensure that the Medical Expenditures Panel Survey by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality includes the verification of dental utilization, expenditure, and coverage findings through conduct of a look-back analysis.

**(4) National Oral Health Surveillance System**

**(A) Appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal

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