

**§ 297w. Public service announcements****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall develop and issue public service announcements that advertise and promote the nursing profession, highlight the advantages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals to enter the nursing profession.

**(b) Method**

The public service announcements described in subsection (a) shall be broadcast through appropriate media outlets, including television or radio, in a manner intended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as possible.

**(c) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, § 861, formerly § 851, as added Pub. L. 107-205, title I, § 102, Aug. 1, 2002, 116 Stat. 812; renumbered § 861, Pub. L. 111-148, title V, § 5310(b)(9)(A), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 631.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 861 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 298c of this title, prior to the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490.

Another prior section 861 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 298c-1 of this title, prior to renumbering as section 846 by Pub. L. 94-63, transfer to section 297k of this title, and subsequent repeal.

**§ 297x. State and local public service announcements****(a) In general**

The Secretary may award grants to eligible entities to support State and local advertising campaigns through appropriate media outlets to promote the nursing profession, highlight the advantages and rewards of nursing, and encourage individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter the nursing profession.

**(b) Use of funds**

An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds received through such grant to acquire local television and radio time, place advertisements in local newspapers, or post information on billboards or on the Internet in a manner intended to reach as wide and diverse an audience as possible, in order to—

- (1) advertise and promote the nursing profession;
- (2) promote nursing education programs;
- (3) inform the public of financial assistance regarding such education programs;
- (4) highlight individuals in the community who are practicing nursing in order to recruit new nurses; or
- (5) provide any other information to recruit individuals for the nursing profession.

**(c) Limitation**

An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall not use funds received through such grant to advertise particular employment opportunities.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, § 862, formerly § 852, as added Pub. L. 107-205, title I, § 102, Aug. 1, 2002, 116 Stat. 812; renumbered § 862, Pub. L. 111-148, title V, § 5310(b)(9)(A), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 631.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 862 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 298c-1 of this title, prior to the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490.

## PART H—COMPREHENSIVE GERIATRIC EDUCATION

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part H, consisting of sections 297w and 297x, was redesignated part G of this subchapter.

## AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-148, title V, § 5310(b)(10)(B), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 631, redesignated part I “Comprehensive Geriatric Education” as H.

**§ 298. Comprehensive geriatric education****(a) Program authorized**

The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement, in coordination with programs under section 294c of this title, programs and initiatives to train and educate individuals in providing geriatric care for the elderly.

**(b) Use of funds**

An eligible entity that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use funds under such grant to—

- (1) provide training to individuals who will provide geriatric care for the elderly;
- (2) develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals;
- (3) train faculty members in geriatrics;
- (4) provide continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care; or
- (5) establish traineeships for individuals who are preparing for advanced education nursing degrees in geriatric nursing, long-term care, geropsychiatric nursing or other nursing areas that specialize in the care of the elderly population.

**(c) Application**

An eligible entity desiring a grant under subsection (a) shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require.

**(d) Eligible entity**

For purposes of this section, the term “eligible entity” includes a school of nursing, a health care facility, a program leading to certification as a certified nurse assistant, a partnership of such a school and facility, or a partnership of such a program and facility.

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, § 865, formerly § 855, as added Pub. L. 107-205, title II, § 202(a),

Aug. 1, 2002, 116 Stat. 816; renumbered §865 and amended Pub. L. 111-148, title V, §§5305(c), 5310(b)(10)(A), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 625, 631.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 298, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §851, formerly §841, as added Pub. L. 88-581, §2, Sept. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 917; amended Pub. L. 89-751, §3(b), Nov. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 1230; Pub. L. 91-515, title VI, §601(b)(2), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1311; Pub. L. 92-158, §§9, 13, Nov. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 479, 480; renumbered §851 and amended Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(1), (2), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVII, §2759(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 932; Pub. L. 99-92, §9(d), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 402; Pub. L. 100-607, title VII, §721(a), Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3165; Pub. L. 102-408, title II, §212, Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2079, related to Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §123(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3562. See section 297t of this title.

A prior section 865 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 298c-4 of this title, prior to the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490.

Prior sections 298a to 298b-1 were repealed by Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §123(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3562.

Section 298a, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §852, formerly §842, as added Pub. L. 88-581, §2, Sept. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 918; renumbered §852 and amended Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(1), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366, directed Federal noninterference with administration of institutions.

Section 298b, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §853, formerly §843, as added Pub. L. 88-581, §2, Sept. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 918; amended Pub. L. 89-290, §5(b), Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1058; Pub. L. 90-490, title II, §§203, 204, 213, 231, Aug. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 780, 783, 787; Pub. L. 92-158, §2(d)(1), (2), Nov. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 467, 468; renumbered §853 and amended Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(1), (3), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366, 367; Pub. L. 96-32, §7(k), July 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 84; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVII, §2759(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 932; Pub. L. 99-92, §9(e), (f), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 402; Pub. L. 102-408, title II, §202(b), Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2071, defined terms.

Section 298b-1, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §854, formerly §844, as added Pub. L. 92-158, §10, Nov. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 479; renumbered §854, Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(1), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366, authorized advance funding for grants, contracts, or other payments.

A prior section 298b-2, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §855, formerly §845, as added Pub. L. 92-158, §11, Nov. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 479; renumbered §855, Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(1), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366, which prohibited discrimination by schools on basis of sex, was renumbered section 810 of act July 1, 1944, by Pub. L. 105-392 and transferred to section 296g of this title.

Prior sections 298b-3 to 298b-5 were repealed by Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §123(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3562.

Section 298b-3, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §856, as added Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(k)(4), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 367; amended Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVII, §2759(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 932; Pub. L. 100-607, title VII, §721(b)(2), Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3165, related to delegation of authority to administer programs.

Section 298b-4, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §857, as added Pub. L. 97-414, §8(m), Jan. 4, 1983, 96 Stat. 2061, authorized use of funds to provide technical assistance.

Section 298b-5, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §858, formerly §804, as added Pub. L. 88-581, §2, Sept. 4, 1964, 78 Stat. 911; amended Pub. L. 92-158, §§2(d)(3), 13, Nov. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 468, 480; Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §941(c), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 364; renumbered §858 and amended Pub. L. 99-92, §9(c)(1), Aug. 16, 1985, 99 Stat. 400; Pub. L. 99-129, title II, §207(e)(1)-(3), Oct. 22, 1985, 99 Stat. 529, described conditions for United States recovery for construction assistance.

A prior section 298b-6, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §859, as added Nov. 4, 1988, Pub. L. 100-607, title

VII, §722, 102 Stat. 3165; amended Oct. 13, 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, title II, §213, 106 Stat. 2080, directed Secretary to provide for evaluations of projects carried out pursuant to this subchapter and submit reports to Congress summarizing evaluations, and made one percent of amount appropriated each fiscal year available to carry out section, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1061(c), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 719.

A prior section 298b-7, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §860, as added Pub. L. 102-408, title II, §209, Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2075; amended Pub. L. 102-531, title III, §313(a)(10), Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3507; Pub. L. 103-43, title XX, §2014(g), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 217, set forth certain generally applicable provisions, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §123(1), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3562.

A prior section 298c, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §860, as added Aug. 16, 1968, Pub. L. 90-490, title II, §223(a), 82 Stat. 785; amended July 9, 1971, Pub. L. 92-52, §4, 85 Stat. 145; Nov. 18, 1971, Pub. L. 92-158, §7, 85 Stat. 478, which related to scholarship grants, was renumbered section 845 of act July 1, 1944, by Pub. L. 94-63 and transferred to section 297j of this title and subsequently repealed.

Another prior section 298c, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §861, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1236, stated the purposes of opportunity grants for nursing education and authorized appropriations of \$3,000,000, \$5,000,000, and \$7,000,000 for fiscal years ending June 30, 1967, 1968, and 1969, respectively, to be available for payments to institutions until close of fiscal year succeeding fiscal year for which appropriated, prior to the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490.

A prior section 298c-1, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §861, as added Aug. 16, 1968, Pub. L. 90-490, title II, §223(a), 82 Stat. 786, related to transfers to student loan program, was renumbered section 846 of act July 1, 1944, by Pub. L. 94-63 and transferred to section 297k of this title and subsequently repealed.

Another prior section 298c-1, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §862, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1237, prescribed amount of nursing educational opportunity grant and provided for its annual determination, prior to the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490.

Sections 298c-2 to 298c-6 were omitted in the reorganization and amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 90-490, title II, §223, Aug. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 785.

Section 298c-2, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §863, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1237, related to duration of a nursing educational opportunity grant.

Section 298c-3, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §864, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1238, related to selection of recipients of nursing educational opportunity grants.

Section 298c-4, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §865, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1238, related to allotment of nursing educational opportunity grant funds among States.

Section 298c-5, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §866, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1238, related to allocation of allotted funds to schools of nursing.

Section 298c-6, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §867, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1239, related to agreements with schools of nursing.

A prior section 298c-7, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §868, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80 Stat. 1239; amended Nov. 18, 1971, Pub. L. 92-158, §8, 85 Stat. 478; July 29, 1975, Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §902(g), 89 Stat. 355, authorized grants and contracts to encourage full utilization of educational talent for nursing profession and authorized appropriations from fiscal year ending June 30, 1972 through fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 for implementation, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §§905, 931(b), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 355, 362, effective July 1, 1975.

A prior section 298c-8, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §869, as added Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §8(b), 80

Stat. 1240, defined “academic year”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 94-63, title IX, §§941(j)(4), 942, July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 366, 367, effective July 1, 1975.

#### AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 111-148, §5305(c)(1), added par. (5).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-148, §5305(c)(2), substituted “2010 through 2014” for “2003 through 2007”.

### PART I—FUNDING

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part I, consisting of section 298, was redesignated part H of this subchapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-148, title V, §5310(b)(7), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 631, redesignated part F “Funding” as I.

### § 298d. Authorization of appropriations

For the purpose of carrying out parts B, C, and D (subject to section 297t(g) of this title), there are authorized to be appropriated \$338,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 2011 through 2016.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, §871, formerly §841, as added Pub. L. 105-392, title I, §123(5), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3569; renumbered §871 and amended Pub. L. 111-148, title V, §§5310(b)(7), 5312, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 631, 633.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was classified to section 297q of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 111-148.

#### AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-148, §5312, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 1998 through 2002, allocations of amounts, and use of methodology.

### SUBCHAPTER VII—AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior subchapter VII, related to the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research and consisted of sections 299 to 299c-6, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 106-129, §2(a), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1653.

Another prior subchapter VII, related to education, research, training, and demonstrations in heart disease, cancer, stroke, and related diseases and consisted of sections 299 to 299j, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-117, §12(d), Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 495.

#### PART A—ESTABLISHMENT AND GENERAL DUTIES

### § 299. Mission and duties

#### (a) In general

There is established within the Public Health Service an agency to be known as the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which shall be headed by a director appointed by the Secretary. The Secretary shall carry out this subchapter acting through the Director.

#### (b) Mission

The purpose of the Agency is to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health services, and access to such services, through the establishment of a broad base of sci-

entific research and through the promotion of improvements in clinical and health system practices, including the prevention of diseases and other health conditions. The Agency shall promote health care quality improvement by conducting and supporting—

(1) research that develops and presents scientific evidence regarding all aspects of health care, including—

(A) the development and assessment of methods for enhancing patient participation in their own care and for facilitating shared patient-physician decision-making;

(B) the outcomes, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness of health care practices, including preventive measures and long-term care;

(C) existing and innovative technologies;

(D) the costs and utilization of, and access to health care;

(E) the ways in which health care services are organized, delivered, and financed and the interaction and impact of these factors on the quality of patient care;

(F) methods for measuring quality and strategies for improving quality; and

(G) ways in which patients, consumers, purchasers, and practitioners acquire new information about best practices and health benefits, the determinants and impact of their use of this information;

(2) the synthesis and dissemination of available scientific evidence for use by patients, consumers, practitioners, providers, purchasers, policy makers, and educators; and

(3) initiatives to advance private and public efforts to improve health care quality.

#### (c) Requirements with respect to rural and inner-city areas and priority populations

##### (1) Research, evaluations and demonstration projects

In carrying out this subchapter, the Director shall conduct and support research and evaluations, and support demonstration projects, with respect to—

(A) the delivery of health care in inner-city areas, and in rural areas (including frontier areas); and

(B) health care for priority populations, which shall include—

(i) low-income groups;

(ii) minority groups;

(iii) women;

(iv) children;

(v) the elderly; and

(vi) individuals with special health care needs, including individuals with disabilities and individuals who need chronic care or end-of-life health care.

##### (2) Process to ensure appropriate research

The Director shall establish a process to ensure that the requirements of paragraph (1) are reflected in the overall portfolio of research conducted and supported by the Agency.

##### (3) Office of Priority Populations

The Director shall establish an Office of Priority Populations to assist in carrying out the requirements of paragraph (1).