

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).