

**§ 14402. Restriction on use of Federal funds under health care programs**

**(a) Restriction on Federal funding of health care services**

Subject to subsection (b), no funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of paying (directly or indirectly) for the provision of health care services may be used—

(1) to provide any health care item or service furnished for the purpose of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing;

(2) to pay (directly, through payment of Federal financial participation or other matching payment, or otherwise) for such an item or service, including payment of expenses relating to such an item or service; or

(3) to pay (in whole or in part) for health benefit coverage that includes any coverage of such an item or service or of any expenses relating to such an item or service.

**(b) Construction and treatment of certain services**

Nothing in subsection (a), or in any other provision of this chapter (or in any amendment made by this chapter), shall be construed to apply to or to affect any limitation relating to—

(1) the withholding or withdrawing of medical treatment or medical care;

(2) the withholding or withdrawing of nutrition or hydration;

(3) abortion; or

(4) the use of an item, good, benefit, or service furnished for the purpose of alleviating pain or discomfort, even if such use may increase the risk of death, so long as such item, good, benefit, or service is not also furnished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, death, for any reason.

**(c) Limitation on Federal facilities and employees**

Subject to subsection (b), with respect to health care items and services furnished—

(1) by or in a health care facility owned or operated by the Federal government, or

(2) by any physician or other individual employed by the Federal government to provide health care services within the scope of the physician's or individual's employment,

no such item or service may be furnished for the purpose of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

**(d) List of programs to which restrictions apply**  
**(1) Federal health care funding programs**

Subsection (a) applies to funds appropriated under or to carry out the following:

**(A) Medicare program**

Title XVIII of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.].

**(B) Medicaid program**

Title XIX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.].

**(C) Title XX social services block grant**

Title XX of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1397 et seq.].

**(D) Maternal and child health block grant program**

Title V of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 701 et seq.].

**(E) Public Health Service Act**

The Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.].

**(F) Indian Health Care Improvement Act**

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act [25 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.].

**(G) Federal employees health benefits program**

Chapter 89 of title 5.

**(H) Military health care system (including Tricare and CHAMPUS programs)**

Chapter 55 of title 10.

**(I) Veterans medical care**

Chapter 17 of title 38.

**(J) Health services for Peace Corps volunteers**

Section 2504(e) of title 22.

**(K) Medical services for Federal prisoners**

Section 4005(a) of title 18.

**(2) Federal facilities and personnel**

The provisions of subsection (c) apply to facilities and personnel of the following:

**(A) Military health care system**

The Department of Defense operating under chapter 55 of title 10.

**(B) Veterans medical care**

The Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**(C) Public Health Service**

The Public Health Service.

**(3) Nonexclusive list**

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the application of subsection (a) to the programs specified in paragraph (1) or the application of subsection (c) to the facilities and personnel specified in paragraph (2).

(Pub. L. 105-12, § 3, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 23.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 105-12, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 23, known as the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 14401 of this title and Tables.

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(A)–(D), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Titles V, XVIII, XIX, and XX of the Act are classified generally to subchapters V (§ 701 et seq.), XVIII (§ 1395 et seq.), XIX (§ 1396 et seq.), and XX (§ 1397 et seq.), respectively, of chapter 7 of this title, respectively. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

The Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(E), is act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, 58 Stat. 682, which is classified generally to chapter 6A (§ 201 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 201 of this title and Tables.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(1)(F), is Pub. L. 94-437, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1400, which is classified principally to chapter 18 (§1601 et seq.) of Title 25, Indians. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1601 of Title 25 and Tables.

**§ 14403. Restriction on use of Federal funds under certain grant programs**

Subject to section 14402(b) of this title (relating to construction and treatment of certain services), no funds appropriated by Congress to carry out subtitle B, D, or E of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15021 et seq., 15061 et seq., 15081 et seq.] may be used to support or fund any program or service which has a purpose of assisting in procuring any item, benefit, or service furnished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing.

(Pub. L. 105-12, §4, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 25; Pub. L. 106-402, title IV, §401(b)(15)(A), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1740.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 106-402, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1677. Subtitles B, D, and E of the Act probably mean subtitles B, D, and E of title I of the Act, which are classified generally to parts B [§15021 et seq.], D [§15061 et seq.], and E [§15081 et seq.], respectively, of subchapter I of chapter 144 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15001 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-402, §401(b)(15)(A)(i), substituted “Restriction on use of Federal funds under certain grant programs” for “Restriction on use of Federal funds under certain grant programs under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act” in section catchline.

Pub. L. 106-402, §401(b)(15)(A)(ii), substituted “subtitle B, D, or E of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000” for “part B, D, or E of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act”.

**§ 14404. Restriction on use of Federal funds by advocacy programs**

**(a) In general**

Subject to section 14402(b) of this title (relating to construction and treatment of certain services), no funds appropriated by Congress may be used to assist in, to support, or to fund any activity or service which has a purpose of assisting in, or to bring suit or provide any other form of legal assistance for the purpose of—

(1) securing or funding any item, benefit, program, or service furnished for the purpose of causing, or the purpose of assisting in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual;

(2) compelling any person, institution, governmental entity<sup>1</sup> to provide or fund any

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “or governmental entity”.

item, benefit, program, or service for such purpose; or

(3) asserting or advocating a legal right to cause, or to assist in causing, the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

**(b) List of programs to which restrictions apply**

**(1) In general**

Subsection (a) applies to funds appropriated under or to carry out the following:

**(A) Protection and advocacy systems under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000**

Subtitle C of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15041 et seq.].

**(B) Protection and advocacy systems under the Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act**

The Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986<sup>2</sup> [42 U.S.C. 10801 et seq.].

**(C) Protection and advocacy systems under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

Section 509 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794e).

**(D) Ombudsman programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965**

Ombudsman programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965 [42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.].

**(E) Legal assistance**

Legal assistance programs under the Legal Services Corporation Act [42 U.S.C. 2996 et seq.].

**(2) Nonexclusive list**

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as limiting the application of subsection (a) to the programs specified in paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 105-12, §5, Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 25; Pub. L. 106-402, title IV, §401(b)(15)(B), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1740.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(A), is Pub. L. 106-402, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1677. Subtitle C of the Act probably means subtitle C of title I of the Act, which is classified generally to part C (§15041 et seq.) of subchapter I of chapter 144 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15001 of this title and Tables.

The Protection and Advocacy for Mentally Ill Individuals Act of 1986, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(B), was Pub. L. 99-319, May 23, 1986, 100 Stat. 478, as amended. Pub. L. 99-319 was renamed the Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Act by Pub. L. 106-310, div. B, title XXXII, §3206(a), Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1193, and is classified generally to chapter 114 (§10801 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 10801 of this title and Tables.

The Older Americans Act of 1965, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(D), is Pub. L. 89-73, July 14, 1965, 79 Stat. 218, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§3001 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification

<sup>2</sup> See References in Text note below.