#### (f) Prohibition on disclosure of record or testimony

An individual or entity having possession of or access to a record or testimony described by this section may not disclose the contents of such record or testimony in any manner or for any purpose except as provided in this section.

#### (g) Exemption from Freedom of Information Act

Medical quality assurance records described in subsection (b) may not be made available to any person under section 552 of title 5.

#### (h) Limitation on civil liability

An individual who participates in or provides information to a person or body that reviews or creates medical quality assurance records described in subsection (b) shall not be civilly liable for such participation or for providing such information if the participation or provision of information was in good faith based on prevailing professional standards at the time the medical quality assurance program activity took place.

## (i) Application to information in certain other records

Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting access to the information in a record created and maintained outside a medical quality assurance program, including a patient's medical records, on the grounds that the information was presented during meetings of a review body that are part of a medical quality assurance program.

#### (j) Regulations

The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall promulgate regulations pursuant to section 1672 of this title.

#### (k) Continued protection

Disclosure under subsection (d) does not permit redisclosure except to the extent such further disclosure is authorized under subsection (d) or is otherwise authorized to be disclosed under this section.

#### (l) Inconsistencies

To the extent that the protections under part C of title IX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 229b-21 et seq.) [42 U.S.C. 299b-21 et seq.] (as amended by the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-41; 119 Stat. 424)) and this section are inconsistent, the provisions of whichever is more protective shall control.

#### (m) Relationship to other law

This section shall continue in force and effect, except as otherwise specifically provided in any Federal law enacted after March 23, 2010.

(Pub. L. 94–437, title VIII, \$805, as added Pub. L. 111–148, title X, \$10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.)

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsec. (1), is act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, 58 Stat. 682. Part C of title IX of the Act is classified generally to part C (§299b-21 et seq.) of subchapter VII of chapter 6A of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 201 of Title 42 and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section 805 of Pub. L. 94–437 is based on section 191 of title I of S. 1790, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, as reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate in Dec. 2009, which was enacted into law by section 10221(a) of Pub. L. 111–148.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1675, Pub. L. 94–437, title VIII,  $\S805$ , formerly title VIII,  $\S705$ , Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1414; renumbered title VIII,  $\S805$ , Pub. L. 102–573, title VII,  $\S701(a)$ , (b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4572, provided that funds appropriated pursuant to this chapter were to remain available until expended, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 111–148, title X,  $\S10221(a)$ , Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935. The repeal is based on section 101(b)(11) of title I of S. 1790, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, as reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate in Dec. 2009, which was enacted into law by section 10221(a) of Pub. L. 111–148.

# § 1676. Limitation on use of funds appropriated to Indian Health Service

#### (a) HHS appropriations

Any limitation on the use of funds contained in an Act providing appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services for a period with respect to the performance of abortions shall apply for that period with respect to the performance of abortions using funds contained in an Act providing appropriations for the Indian Health Service.

#### (b) Limitations pursuant to other Federal law

Any limitation pursuant to other Federal laws on the use of Federal funds appropriated to the Service shall apply with respect to the performance or coverage of abortions.

(Pub. L. 94–437, title VIII, §806, formerly title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 96–537, §8(b), Dec. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 3179; amended Pub. L. 100–713, title VII, §718, Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4837; renumbered title VIII, §806, Pub. L. 102–573, title VII, §701(a), (b), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4572; Pub. L. 111–148, title X, §10221(b)(3), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 936.)

### AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–148 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

1988—Pub. L. 100-713 inserted section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: "Within one year from December 17, 1980, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a resource allocation plan. Such plan shall explain the future allocation of services and funds among the service population of the Service and shall provide a schedule for reducing deficiencies in resources of tribes and nontribal specific entities."

### § 1677. Nuclear resource development health hazards

#### (a) Study

The Secretary and the Service shall conduct, in conjunction with other appropriate Federal agencies and in consultation with concerned Indian tribes and organizations, a study of the health hazards to Indian miners and Indians on or near Indian reservations and in Indian communities as a result of nuclear resource development. Such study shall include—

(1) an evaluation of the nature and extent of nuclear resource development related health