

(1) priority will be given in such project or program to the furnishing of such services to persons from low-income families; and

(2) no charge will be made in such project or program for services provided to any person from a low-income family except to the extent that payment will be made by a third party (including a government agency) which is authorized or is under legal obligation to pay such charge.

For purposes of this subsection, the term "low-income family" shall be defined by the Secretary in accordance with such criteria as he may prescribe so as to insure that economic status shall not be a deterrent to participation in the programs assisted under this subchapter.

**(d) Suitability of informational or educational materials**

(1) A grant may be made or a contract entered into under section 300 or 300a-3 of this title only upon assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that informational or educational materials developed or made available under the grant or contract will be suitable for the purposes of this subchapter and for the population or community to which they are to be made available, taking into account the educational and cultural background of the individuals to whom such materials are addressed and the standards of such population or community with respect to such materials.

(2) In the case of any grant or contract under section 300 of this title, such assurances shall provide for the review and approval of the suitability of such materials, prior to their distribution, by an advisory committee established by the grantee or contractor in accordance with the Secretary's regulations. Such a committee shall include individuals broadly representative of the population or community to which the materials are to be made available.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title X, § 1006, as added Pub. L. 91-572, § 6(c), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1507; amended Pub. L. 94-63, title II, § 204(c), (d), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 308; Pub. L. 95-613, § 1(a)(2), Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3093.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-613 added subsec. (d).

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-63, § 204(c), inserted provisions relating to amount of grants authorized pursuant to sections of this subchapter.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-63, § 204(d), inserted provision relating to economic status as part of the criteria to be included within definition of "low-income family".

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-63 effective July 1, 1975, see section 608 of Pub. L. 94-63, set out as a note under section 247b of this title.

**§ 300a-5. Voluntary participation by individuals; participation not prerequisite for eligibility or receipt of other services and information**

The acceptance by any individual of family planning services or family planning or popu-

lation growth information (including educational materials) provided through financial assistance under this subchapter (whether by grant or contract) shall be voluntary and shall not be a prerequisite to eligibility for or receipt of any other service or assistance from, or to participation in, any other program of the entity or individual that provided such service or information.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title X, § 1007, as added Pub. L. 91-572, § 6(c), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1508.)

**§ 300a-6. Prohibition against funding programs using abortion as family planning method**

None of the funds appropriated under this subchapter shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title X, § 1008, as added Pub. L. 91-572, § 6(c), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1508.)

**§ 300a-6a. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-362, title VI, § 601(a)(1)(G), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3285**

Section, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title X, § 1009, as added Pub. L. 94-63, title II, § 203(a), July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 307; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title V, § 509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, § 1062(c), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 720, related to plans and reports concerning family planning services.

**§ 300a-7. Sterilization or abortion**

**(a) Omitted**

**(b) Prohibition of public officials and public authorities from imposition of certain requirements contrary to religious beliefs or moral convictions**

The receipt of any grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.], the Community Mental Health Centers Act [42 U.S.C. 2689 et seq.], or the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act [42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.] by any individual or entity does not authorize any court or any public official or other public authority to require—

(1) such individual to perform or assist in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if his performance or assistance in the performance of such procedure or abortion would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions; or

(2) such entity to—

(A) make its facilities available for the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance of such procedure or abortion in such facilities is prohibited by the entity on the basis of religious beliefs or moral convictions, or

(B) provide any personnel for the performance or assistance in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance or assistance in the performance of such procedures or abortion by such personnel would be contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such personnel.

**(c) Discrimination prohibition**

(1) No entity which receives a grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health