

“(2) the coordination of efforts between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense to address countermeasure needs for various segments of the population.”

§ 300hh-10a. Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise

(a) In general

The Secretary shall establish the Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasures Enterprise (referred to in this section as the “PHEMCE”). The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response shall serve as chair of the PHEMCE.

(b) Members

The PHEMCE shall include each of the following members, or the designee of such members:

- (1) The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.
- (2) The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (3) The Director of the National Institutes of Health.
- (4) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs.
- (5) The Secretary of Defense.
- (6) The Secretary of Homeland Security.
- (7) The Secretary of Agriculture.
- (8) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- (9) The Director of National Intelligence.

(10) Representatives of any other Federal agency, which may include the Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, the Director of the Strategic National Stockpile, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the Director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(c) Functions

(1) In general

The functions of the PHEMCE shall include the following:

(A) Utilize a process to make recommendations to the Secretary regarding research, advanced research, development, procurement, stockpiling, deployment, distribution, and utilization with respect to countermeasures, as defined in section 247d-6b(c) of this title, including prioritization based on the health security needs of the United States. Such recommendations shall be informed by, when available and practicable, the National Health Security Strategy pursuant to section 300hh-1 of this title, the Strategic National Stockpile needs pursuant to section 247d-6b of this title, and assessments of current national security threats, including chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats, including emerging infectious diseases. In the event that members of the PHEMCE do not agree upon a recommendation, the Secretary shall provide a determination regarding such recommendation.

(B) Identify national health security needs, including gaps in public health preparedness and response related to countermeasures and challenges to addressing such

needs (including any regulatory challenges), and support alignment of countermeasure procurement with recommendations to address such needs under subparagraph (A).

(C) Assist the Secretary in developing strategies related to logistics, deployment, distribution, dispensing, and use of countermeasures that may be applicable to the activities of the strategic national stockpile under section 247d-6b(a) of this title.

(D) Provide consultation for the development of the strategy and implementation plan under section 300hh-10(d) of this title.

(2) Input

In carrying out subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1), the PHEMCE shall solicit and consider input from State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments or officials, as appropriate.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2811-1, as added Pub. L. 116-22, title IV, §402(a), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 942.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 300hh-10a, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2811A, as added Pub. L. 113-5, title I, §103, Mar. 13, 2013, 127 Stat. 168; amended Pub. L. 116-22, title III, §305(a), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 936, which related to the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters, was transferred to section 300hh-10b of this title.

§ 300hh-10b. National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

(a) Establishment

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall establish an advisory committee to be known as the “National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters” (referred to in this section as the “Advisory Committee”).

(b) Duties

The Advisory Committee shall—

(1) provide advice and consultation with respect to the activities carried out pursuant to section 300hh-16 of this title, as applicable and appropriate;

(2) evaluate and provide input with respect to the medical, mental and behavioral, and public health needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies; and

(3) provide advice and consultation with respect to State emergency preparedness and response activities and children, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under section 300hh-1(b) of this title.

(c) Additional duties

The Advisory Committee may provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary with respect to children and the medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to preparedness and response activities authorized under this subchapter and subchapter II.