

of Veterans Affairs, shall establish an advisory committee to be known as the National Advisory Committee on Seniors 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 and public health needs of seniors related 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 relating to seniors, 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 seniors and the medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to preparedness and response activities under this subchapter and subchapter III.

**(d) Membership**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of agencies as appropriate, shall appoint not more than 17 members to the Advisory Committee. In appointing such members, the Secretary shall ensure that the total membership of the Advisory Committee is an odd number.

**(2) Required members**

The Advisory Committee shall include Federal members or their designees (who may be nonvoting members, as determined by the Secretary) and non-Federal members, as follows:

(A) The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

(B) The Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority.

(C) The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(D) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

(E) The Director of the National Institutes of Health.

(F) The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

(G) The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living.

(H) The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(I) The Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(J) At least 2 non-Federal health care professionals with expertise in geriatric medical disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

(K) At least 2 representatives of State, local, Tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in geriatric disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

(L) Representatives of such other Federal agencies (such as the Department of Energy and the Department of Homeland Security) as the Secretary determines necessary to fulfill the duties of the Advisory Committee.

**(e) Meetings**

The Advisory Committee shall meet not less frequently than biannually. At least one meeting per year shall be an in-person meeting.

**(f) Coordination**

The Secretary shall coordinate duties and activities authorized under this section in accordance with section 300hh-10e of this title.

**(g) Sunset**

**(1) In general**

The Advisory Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2023.

**(2) Extension of Committee**

Not later than October 1, 2022, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a recommendation on whether the Advisory Committee should be extended.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2811B, as added Pub. L. 116-22, title III, §305(b), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 938.)

**§ 300hh-10d. National Advisory Committee on Individuals With Disabilities and Disasters**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall establish a national advisory committee to be known as the National Advisory Committee on Individuals with Disabilities 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 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, public health, and accessibility needs of individuals with disabilities related 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, including related drills and exercises pursuant to the preparedness goals under section 300hh-1(b) of this title.

**(c) Membership**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with such other heads of agencies and departments as appropriate, shall appoint not more than 17 members to the Advisory Committee. In appointing such members, the Secretary shall ensure that the total membership of the Advisory Committee is an odd number.

**(2) Required members**

The Advisory Committee shall include Federal members or their designees (who may be nonvoting members, as determined by the Secretary) and non-Federal members, as follows:

(A) The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

(B) The Administrator of the Administration for Community Living.

(C) The Director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority.

(D) The Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(E) The Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

(F) The Director of the National Institutes of Health.

(G) The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(H) The Chair of the National Council on Disability.

(I) The Chair of the United States Access Board.

(J) The Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(K) At least 2 non-Federal health care professionals with expertise in disability accessibility before, during, and after disasters, medical and mass care disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery.

(L) At least 2 representatives from State, local, Tribal, or territorial agencies with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities.

(M) At least 2 individuals with a disability with expertise in disaster planning, preparedness, response, or recovery for individuals with disabilities.

**(d) Meetings**

The Advisory Committee shall meet not less frequently than biannually. At least one meeting per year shall be an in-person meeting.

**(e) Disability defined**

For purposes of this section, the term “disability” has the meaning given such term in section 12102 of this title.

**(f) Coordination**

The Secretary shall coordinate duties and activities authorized under this section in accordance with section 300hh-10e of this title.

**(g) Sunset**

**(1) In general**

The Advisory Committee shall terminate on September 30, 2023.

**(2) Recommendation**

Not later than October 1, 2022, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a recommendation on whether the Advisory Committee should be extended.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2811C, as added Pub. L. 116-22, title III, §305(c), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 939.)

**§ 300hh-10e. Advisory Committee Coordination**

**(a) In general**

The Secretary shall coordinate duties and activities authorized under sections 300hh-10b, 300hh-10c, and 300hh-10d of this title, and make efforts to reduce unnecessary or duplicative reporting, or unnecessary duplicative meetings

and recommendations under such sections, as practicable. Members of the advisory committees authorized under such sections, or their designees, shall annually meet to coordinate any recommendations, as appropriate, that may be similar, duplicative, or overlapping with respect to addressing the needs of children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities during public health emergencies. If such coordination occurs through an in-person meeting, it shall not be considered the required in-person meetings under any of sections 300hh-10b(e), 300hh-10c(e), or 300hh-10d(d) of this title.

**(b) Coordination and alignment**

The Secretary, acting through the employee designated pursuant to section 300hh-16 of this title, shall align preparedness and response programs or activities to address similar, dual, or overlapping needs of children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, and any challenges in preparing for and responding to such needs.

**(c) Notification**

The Secretary shall annually notify the congressional committees of jurisdiction regarding the steps taken to coordinate, as appropriate, the recommendations under this section, and provide a summary description of such coordination.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVIII, §2811D, as added Pub. L. 116-22, title III, §305(d), June 24, 2019, 133 Stat. 941.)

**§ 300hh-11. National Disaster Medical System**

**(a) National Disaster Medical System**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall provide for the operation in accordance with this section of a system to be known as the National Disaster Medical System. The Secretary shall designate the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response as the head of the National Disaster Medical System, subject to the authority of the Secretary.

**(2) Federal and State collaborative System**

**(A) In general**

The National Disaster Medical System shall be a coordinated effort by the Federal agencies specified in subparagraph (B), working in collaboration with the States and other appropriate public or private entities, to carry out the purposes described in paragraph (3).

**(B) Participating Federal agencies**

The Federal agencies referred to in subparagraph (A) are the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**(3) Purpose of System**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary may activate the National Disaster Medical System to—

- (i) provide health services, health-related social services, other appropriate human services, and appropriate auxiliary