

(A) are from entities that manufacture pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, or diagnostic products that are covered or for which coverage is being sought under this subchapter; and

(B) are with respect to coverage, coding, or payment under this subchapter for such products.

**(2) Application**

The second sentence of subsection (c)(2) shall apply to the ombudsman under subparagraph (A) in the same manner as such sentence applies to the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman under subsection (c).

**(e) Funding for implementation of beneficiary enrollment simplification**

For purposes of carrying out the provisions of and the amendments made by section 120 of division CC of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, the Secretary shall provide for the transfer, from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund under section 1395i of this title and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund under section 1395t of this title (in such proportion as the Secretary determines appropriate), to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management Account, of \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030, to remain available until expended.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, § 1808, as added and amended Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, §§ 900(a), (b), 923(a), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2369, 2393; Pub. L. 114-255, div. A, title IV, § 4010, Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1185; Pub. L. 116-260, div. CC, title I, § 120(b), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2955.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 120 of division CC of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, referred to in subsec. (e), is section 120 of div. CC of Pub. L. 116-260, which amended this section and sections 1395i-2a, 1395p, 1395q, and 1395r of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-260 added subsec. (e).  
2016—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114-255 added subsec. (d).  
2003—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-173, § 900(b), added subsec. (b).  
Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-173, § 923(a), added subsec. (c).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT

Pub. L. 108-173, title IX, § 923(b), Dec. 8, 2003, 117 Stat. 2394, provided that: “By not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 8, 2003], the Secretary [of Health and Human Services] shall appoint the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman under section 1808(c) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395b-9(c)], as added by subsection (a).”

**§ 1395b-10. Addressing health care disparities**

**(a) Evaluating data collection approaches**

The Secretary shall evaluate approaches for the collection of data under this subchapter, to be performed in conjunction with existing quality reporting requirements and programs under this subchapter, that allow for the ongoing, ac-

curate, and timely collection and evaluation of data on disparities in health care services and performance on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender. In conducting such evaluation, the Secretary shall consider the following objectives:

(1) Protecting patient privacy.

(2) Minimizing the administrative burdens of data collection and reporting on providers and health plans participating under this subchapter.

(3) Improving Medicare program data on race, ethnicity, and gender.

**(b) Reports to Congress**

**(1) Report on evaluation**

Not later than 18 months after July 15, 2008, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the evaluation conducted under subsection (a). Such report shall, taking into consideration the results of such evaluation—

(A) identify approaches (including defining methodologies) for identifying and collecting and evaluating data on health care disparities on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender for the original Medicare fee-for-service program under parts A and B, the Medicare Advantage program under part C, and the Medicare prescription drug program under part D; and

(B) include recommendations on the most effective strategies and approaches to reporting HEDIS quality measures as required under section 1395w-22(e)(3) of this title and other nationally recognized quality performance measures, as appropriate, on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender.

**(2) Reports on data analyses**

Not later than 4 years after July 15, 2008, and 4 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations for improving the identification of health care disparities for Medicare beneficiaries based on analyses of the data collected under subsection (c).

**(c) Implementing effective approaches**

Not later than 24 months after July 15, 2008, the Secretary shall implement the approaches identified in the report submitted under subsection (b)(1) for the ongoing, accurate, and timely collection and evaluation of data on health care disparities on the basis of race, ethnicity, and gender.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, § 1809, as added Pub. L. 110-275, title I, § 185, July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2587.)

PART A—HOSPITAL INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR AGED AND DISABLED

**§ 1395c. Description of program**

The insurance program for which entitlement is established by sections 426 and 426-1 of this title provides basic protection against the costs of hospital, related post-hospital, home health services, and hospice care in accordance with this part for (1) individuals who are age 65 or over and are eligible for retirement benefits under subchapter II of this chapter (or would be eligible for such benefits if certain government