

§ 1397k-3. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subpart—

- (1) for fiscal year 2011, \$6,500,000; and
- (2) for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2014, \$7,000,000.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2024, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, §6703(a)(1)(C), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 790.)

SUBPART B—ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND
EXPLOITATION FORENSIC CENTERS

§ 1397l. Establishment and support of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation forensic centers**(a) In general**

The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall make grants to eligible entities to establish and operate stationary and mobile forensic centers, to develop forensic expertise regarding, and provide services relating to, elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

(b) Stationary forensic centers

The Secretary shall make 4 of the grants described in subsection (a) to institutions of higher education with demonstrated expertise in forensics or commitment to preventing or treating elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation, to establish and operate stationary forensic centers.

(c) Mobile centers

The Secretary shall make 6 of the grants described in subsection (a) to appropriate entities to establish and operate mobile forensic centers.

(d) Authorized activities**(1) Development of forensic markers and methodologies**

An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use funds made available through the grant to assist in determining whether abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurred and whether a crime was committed and to conduct research to describe and disseminate information on—

- (A) forensic markers that indicate a case in which elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation may have occurred; and
- (B) methodologies for determining, in such a case, when and how health care, emergency service, social and protective services, and legal service providers should intervene and when the providers should report the case to law enforcement authorities.

(2) Development of forensic expertise

An eligible entity that receives a grant under this section shall use funds made available through the grant to develop forensic expertise regarding elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in order to provide medical and forensic evaluation, therapeutic intervention, victim support and advocacy, case review, and case tracking.

(3) Collection of evidence

The Secretary, in coordination with the Attorney General, shall use data made available by grant recipients under this section to de-

velop the capacity of geriatric health care professionals and law enforcement to collect forensic evidence, including collecting forensic evidence relating to a potential determination of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

(e) Application

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(f) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

- (1) for fiscal year 2011, \$4,000,000;
- (2) for fiscal year 2012, \$6,000,000; and
- (3) for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014, \$8,000,000.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2031, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, §6703(a)(1)(C), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 790.)

PART II—PROGRAMS TO PROMOTE ELDER
JUSTICE

§ 1397m. Enhancement of long-term care**(a) Grants and incentives for long-term care staffing****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall carry out activities, including activities described in paragraphs (2) and (3), to provide incentives for individuals to train for, seek, and maintain employment providing direct care in long-term care.

(2) Specific programs to enhance training, recruitment, and retention of staff**(A) Coordination with Secretary of Labor to recruit and train long-term care staff**

The Secretary shall coordinate activities under this subsection with the Secretary of Labor in order to provide incentives for individuals to train for and seek employment providing direct care in long-term care.

(B) Career ladders and wage or benefit increases to increase staffing in long-term care**(i) In general**

The Secretary shall make grants to eligible entities to carry out programs through which the entities—

- (I) offer, to employees who provide direct care to residents of an eligible entity or individuals receiving community-based long-term care from an eligible entity, continuing training and varying levels of certification, based on observed clinical care practices and the amount of time the employees spend providing direct care; and
- (II) provide, or make arrangements to provide, bonuses or other increased compensation or benefits to employees who achieve certification under such a program.

(ii) Application

To be eligible to receive a grant under this subparagraph, an eligible entity shall