



August 19, 2025

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Chair
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cassidy:

Section 498A of the Public Health Service Act [42 USC 289g-1] requires the submission of a report to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions describing research activities funded or conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services each year involving the therapeutic transplantation of human fetal tissue.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Department's National Institutes of Health (NIH) did not fund or conduct research involving the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes.¹ If you have thoughts or questions, please have your staff contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation at (202) 690-7627.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gary Andres", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Gary Andres
Assistant Secretary for Legislation

¹ While FY24 amounts are not yet posted on the NIH Research, Condition, and Disease Categorization (RCDC) public website, the amount planned to be reported as the actual annual level for FY 2024 by the NIH RCDC process is \$0.



DATE: May 8, 2025

TO: Mitchell Hailstone
Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation

Through: Cortney L. McCormick, Executive Secretary

FROM: Matthew Memoli, M.D., M.S.
Principal Deputy Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2024 Research on Therapeutic Human Fetal Tissue Transplantation
Funded by the National Institutes of Health – ACTION

KEY INFORMATION

Section 498A of the Public Health Service Act requires the submission of a report by the Secretary to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions describing research activities funded or conducted by HHS each year involving the therapeutic transplantation of human fetal tissue. The report must also describe the extent to which the research has been conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 498A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In fiscal year 2024, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) did not fund or conduct research involving the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes.¹ Research involving human fetal tissue is classified into two categories: basic and therapeutic. Basic fetal tissue research is focused on basic biological processes, animal studies on fetal tissue transplantation, and the development of methodologies for processing and preserving fetal tissue. Research on the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes is aimed at the development of new treatments for the cure or amelioration of diseases and disorders. The scope of this reporting requirement is limited to research on the transplantation of human fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes.

Notable Timing Factors:

The Public Health Service Act requires an annual report.

Key Stakeholders:

This report is required by the Public Health Service Act; therefore, the relevant Congressional committees should be expecting delivery of this report.

Matthew J. Memoli, M.D., M.S.

Attachment:
TAB A: Letters to Congress

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