

Public Law 113–240
113th Congress

An Act

To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize programs under part A of title XI of such Act.

Dec. 18, 2014
[H.R. 1281]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Improved newborn and child screening and followup for heritable disorders.
- Sec. 3. Evaluating the effectiveness of newborn and child screening and followup programs.
- Sec. 4. Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children.
- Sec. 5. Clearinghouse of Newborn Screening Information.
- Sec. 6. Laboratory quality and surveillance.
- Sec. 7. Interagency Coordinating Committee on Newborn and Child Screening.
- Sec. 8. National contingency plan for newborn screening.
- Sec. 9. Hunter Kelly Research Program.
- Sec. 10. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 11. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 12. Informed consent for newborn screening research.

SEC. 2. IMPROVED NEWBORN AND CHILD SCREENING AND FOLLOWUP FOR HERITABLE DISORDERS.

Section 1109 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–8) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “subsection (j)” and inserting “section 1117”; and

(ii) by striking “and in consultation with the Advisory Committee” and inserting “and taking into consideration the expertise of the Advisory Committee”;

(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) to assist in providing health care professionals and newborn screening laboratory personnel with education in newborn screening, counseling, and training in—

“(A) relevant and new technologies in newborn screening and congenital, genetic, and metabolic disorders;

“(B) the importance of the timeliness of collection, delivery, receipt, and screening of specimens; and

“(C) sharing of medical and diagnostic information with providers and families;”;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

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- (D) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) by striking “treatment” and inserting “followup and treatment”; and
 - (ii) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and
- (E) by adding at the end the following:
 - “(5) to improve the timeliness of—
 - “(A) the collection, delivery, receipt, and screening of specimens; and
 - “(B) the diagnosis of heritable disorders in newborns.”;
 - (2) in subsection (c), by striking “application submitted for a grant under subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “application for a grant under this section”;
 - (3) in subsection (h), by striking “application submitted under subsection (c)(2)” each place it appears and inserting “application for a grant under this section”; and
 - (4) by striking subsection (j) (relating to authorization of appropriations).

SEC. 3. EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NEWBORN AND CHILD SCREENING AND FOLLOWUP PROGRAMS.

Section 1110 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–9) is amended—

- (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND FOLLOWUP**” after “**CHILD SCREENING**”;
 - (2) in subsection (a), by striking “of screening,” and inserting “, including with respect to timeliness, of screening, followup,”;
 - (3) in subsection (b)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) by striking “counseling, testing” and inserting “treatment, counseling, testing, followup,”; and
 - (ii) by inserting before the semicolon the following:
 - “, including, as appropriate, through the assessment of health and development outcomes for such children through adolescence”;
 - (B) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) by striking “counseling, testing” and inserting “treatment, counseling, testing, followup,”;
 - (ii) by inserting “in a timely manner” after “in newborns and children”; and
 - (iii) by striking “or” at the end;
 - (C) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and
 - (D) by adding at the end the following:
 - “(4) methods that may be identified to improve quality in the diagnosis, treatment, and disease management of heritable disorders based on gaps in services or care; or
 - “(5) methods or best practices by which the eligible entities described in section 1109 can achieve in a timely manner—
 - “(A) collection, delivery, receipt, and screening of newborn screening specimens; and
 - “(B) diagnosis of heritable disorders in newborns.”;
 - (4) by striking subsection (d) (relating to authorization of appropriations).

SEC. 4. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HERITABLE DISORDERS IN NEWBORNS AND CHILDREN.

Section 1111 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b-10) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (6) through (8), respectively;

(B) by inserting after paragraph (3), the following:

“(4) provide technical assistance, as appropriate, to individuals and organizations regarding the submission of nominations to the uniform screening panel, including prior to the submission of such nominations;

“(5) take appropriate steps, at its discretion, to prepare for the review of nominations prior to their submission, including for conditions for which a screening method has been validated but other nomination criteria are not yet met, in order to facilitate timely action by the Advisory Committee once such submission has been received by the Committee;”;

(C) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated), by inserting “, including the cost” after “public health impact”; and

(D) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “achieve rapid diagnosis” and inserting “achieve best practices in rapid diagnosis and appropriate treatment”;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by inserting before the semicolon “, including information on cost and incidence”;

(iii) in subparagraph (J), by striking “and” at the end;

(iv) in subparagraph (K), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(v) by adding at the end the following:

“(L) the timeliness of collection, delivery, receipt, and screening of specimens to be tested for heritable disorders in newborns in order to ensure rapid diagnosis and followup.”;

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “180” and inserting “120”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following: “If the Secretary is unable to make a determination to adopt or reject such recommendation within such 120-day period, the Secretary shall notify the Advisory Committee and the appropriate committees of Congress of such determination together with an explanation for why the Secretary was unable to comply within such 120-day period, as well as a plan of action for consideration of such pending recommendation.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2);

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) DEADLINE FOR REVIEW.—For each condition nominated to be added to the recommended uniform screening panel in accordance with the requirements of this section, the Advisory Committee shall review and vote on the nominated condition within 9 months of the date on which the Advisory Committee

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referred the nominated condition to the condition review workgroup.”;

(3) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively;

(4) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

“(f) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Committee shall meet at least 4 times each calendar year, or at the discretion of the Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the Chair.”;

(5) by amending subsection (g) (as so redesignated) to read as follows:

“(g) CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF COMMITTEE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Advisory Committee shall continue to operate through the end of fiscal year 2019.

“(2) CONTINUATION IF NOT REAUTHORIZED.—If at the end of fiscal year 2019 the duration of the Advisory Committee has not been extended by statute, the Advisory Committee may be deemed, for purposes of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, an advisory committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government under section 9(a) of such Act.”; and

(6) by striking subsection (h) (relating to authorization of appropriations), as redesignated by paragraph (3).

SEC. 5. CLEARINGHOUSE OF NEWBORN SCREENING INFORMATION.

Section 1112 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b-11) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “data” and inserting “information”;

and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(4) maintain current information on the number of conditions for which screening is conducted in each State; and

“(5) disseminate available evidence-based guidelines related to diagnosis, counseling, and treatment with respect to conditions detected by newborn screening.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(4)(D), by striking “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2008” and inserting “Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “developing the clearinghouse” and inserting “carrying out activities”; and

(B) by striking “clearinghouse minimizes duplication and supplements, not supplants” and inserting “activities minimize duplication and supplement, not supplant”; and

(4) by striking subsection (d) (relating to authorization of appropriations).

SEC. 6. LABORATORY QUALITY AND SURVEILLANCE.

Section 1113 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b-12) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting “AND SURVEILLANCE” before the period;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “and in consultation with the Advisory Committee” and inserting “and taking into consideration the expertise of the Advisory Committee”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by inserting “timeliness for processing such tests,” after “newborn-screening tests,”; and

(3) by striking subsection (b) (relating to authorization of appropriations) and inserting the following:

“(b) **SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES.**—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and taking into consideration the expertise of the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children established under section 1111, may provide, as appropriate, for the coordination of surveillance activities, including—

“(1) through standardized data collection and reporting, as well as the use of electronic health records; and

“(2) by promoting data sharing regarding newborn screening with State-based birth defects and developmental disabilities monitoring programs.”.

SEC. 7. INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON NEWBORN AND CHILD SCREENING.

Section 1114 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–13) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking “the Administrator, the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,” and inserting “the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Commissioner of Food and Drugs,”; and

(2) by striking subsection (e) (relating to authorization of appropriations).

SEC. 8. NATIONAL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR NEWBORN SCREENING.

Section 1115(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–14(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “consortia” and inserting “consortium”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “The plan shall be updated as needed and at least every five years.”. Deadline.

SEC. 9. HUNTER KELLY RESEARCH PROGRAM.

Section 1116 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–15) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (E); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) providing research findings and data for newborn conditions under review by the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children to be added to the recommended uniform screening panel;

“(D) conducting pilot studies on conditions recommended by the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children to ensure that screenings are ready for nationwide implementation; and”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “of the National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006”.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Part A of title XI of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300b–1 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end, the following:

42 USC 300b–16. **“SEC. 1117. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

“There are authorized to be appropriated—

“(1) to carry out sections 1109, 1110, 1111, and 1112, \$11,900,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019; and

“(2) to carry out section 1113, \$8,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

SEC. 11. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

(a) GAO REPORT ON TIMELINESS OF NEWBORN SCREENING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives concerning the timeliness of screening for heritable disorders in newborns.

Analyses. (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An analysis of information regarding the timeliness of newborn screening, which may include the time elapsed from birth to specimen collection, specimen collection to receipt by laboratory, specimen receipt to reporting, reporting to followup testing, and followup testing to confirmed diagnosis.

Summary. (B) A summary of any guidelines, recommendations, or best practices available to States and health care providers intended to support a timely newborn screening system.

(C) An analysis of any barriers to maintaining a timely newborn screening system which may exist and recommendations for addressing such barriers.

42 USC 300b–17. (b) REPORT BY SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

(A) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on activities related to—

(i) newborn screening; and

(ii) screening children who have or are at risk for heritable disorders; and

(B) not less than every 2 years, submit to such committees an updated version of such report.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under this subsection shall contain a description of—

(A) the ongoing activities under sections 1109, 1110, and 1112 through 1115 of the Public Health Service Act; and

(B) the amounts expended on such activities.

SEC. 12. INFORMED CONSENT FOR NEWBORN SCREENING RESEARCH. 42 USC 289 note.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Research on newborn dried blood spots shall be considered research carried out on human subjects meeting the definition of section 46.102(f)(2) of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, for purposes of Federally funded research conducted pursuant to the Public Health Service Act until such time as updates to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (the Common Rule) are promulgated pursuant to subsection (c). For purposes of this subsection, sections 46.116(c) and 46.116(d) of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not apply.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Subsection (a) shall apply only to newborn dried blood spots used for purposes of Federally funded research that were collected not earlier than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Applicability.

(c) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall promulgate proposed regulations related to the updating of the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (the Common Rule), particularly with respect to informed consent. Not later than 2 years after such date of enactment, the Secretary shall promulgate final regulations based on such proposed regulations.

Deadlines.

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