

EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH ORGAN PROCUREMENT
AGENCIES

Section 155(a)(2) of Pub. L. 103-432 provided that: “Any hospital or rural primary care hospital which has an agreement (as defined in section 1138(a)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act [subsec. (a)(3)(A) of this section]) with an organ procurement agency other than such hospital’s designated organ procurement agency (as defined in section 1138(a)(3)(B) of such Act) on the date of the enactment of this section [Oct. 31, 1994] shall, if such hospital desires to continue such agreement on and after the effective date of the amendments made by paragraph (1) [see Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note above], submit an application to the Secretary for a waiver under section 1138(a)(2) of such Act not later than January 1, 1996, and such agreement may continue in effect pending the Secretary’s determination with respect to such application.”

§ 1320b-9. Improved access to, and delivery of, health care for Indians under subchapters XIX and XXI

(a) Agreements with States for Medicaid and CHIP outreach on or near reservations to increase the enrollment of Indians in those programs

(1) In general

In order to improve the access of Indians residing on or near a reservation to obtain benefits under the Medicaid and State children’s health insurance programs established under subchapters XIX and XXI, the Secretary shall encourage the State to take steps to provide for enrollment on or near the reservation. Such steps may include outreach efforts such as the outstationing of eligibility workers, entering into agreements with the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations to provide outreach, education regarding eligibility and benefits, enrollment, and translation services when such services are appropriate.

(2) Construction

Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed as affecting arrangements entered into between States and the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations for such Service, Tribes, or Organizations to conduct administrative activities under such subchapters.

(b) Requirement to facilitate cooperation

The Secretary, acting through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall take such steps as are necessary to facilitate cooperation with, and agreements between, States and the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations with respect to the provision of health care items and services to Indians under the programs established under subchapter XIX or XXI.

(c) Definition of Indian; Indian Tribe; Indian Health Program; Tribal Organization; Urban Indian Organization

For purposes of this section, subchapter XIX, and subchapter XXI, the terms “Indian”, “Indian Tribe”, “Indian Health Program”, “Tribal Organization”, and “Urban Indian Organization” have the meanings given those terms in section 1603 of title 25.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, §1139, as added Pub. L. 100-203, title IX, §9136, Dec. 22, 1987, 101

Stat. 1330-316; amended Pub. L. 100-647, title VIII, §8201, Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3798; Pub. L. 101-45, title IV, §409, June 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 130; Pub. L. 101-239, title VI, §6221, Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2255; Pub. L. 101-508, title IV, §4207(k)(6), formerly §4027(k)(6), title V, §5057, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-125, 1388-230; Pub. L. 103-432, title I, §160(d)(4), title II, §264(d), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4444, 4468; Pub. L. 111-3, title II, §202(a), Feb. 4, 2009, 123 Stat. 39; Pub. L. 111-148, title II, §2901(d), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 333.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-148 substituted “For purposes of this section, subchapter XIX, and subchapter XXI” for “In this section”.

2009—Pub. L. 111-3 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the National Commission on Children.

1994—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 103-432, §264(d), repealed Pub. L. 101-508, §5057. See 1990 Amendment note below.

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-508, §5057, which directed amendment of subsec. (d) by substituting “an interim report no later than September 30, 1990, and a final report no later than March 31, 1991” for “an interim report no later than March 31, 1991, and a final report no later than September 30, 1990”, and could not be executed, was repealed by Pub. L. 103-432, §264(d). See Construction of 1990 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 101-508, §4207(k)(6), formerly §4027(k)(6), as renumbered by Pub. L. 103-432, §160(d)(4), substituted “interim report no later than March 31, 1990, and a final report no later than March 31, 1991, setting forth” for “interim report no later than March 31, 1991, and a final report no later than September 30, 1990, setting forth”.

1989—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-239, §6221(1), which directed the substitution of “March 31, 1990” for “September 30, 1988” and “March 31, 1991” for “March 31, 1990 [1989]”, could only be executed in part by substituting “March 31, 1991” for “March 30, 1990” in view of amendment by Pub. L. 100-647. See 1990 Amendment note above.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A), (4)(B). Pub. L. 101-239, §6221(2), substituted “March 31, 1991” for “September 30, 1990”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-45 amended subsec. (f) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (f) read as follows:

“(1) The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission who shall be compensated at a rate fixed by the Commission, but which shall not exceed the rate established for level V of the Executive Schedule under title 5.

“(2) In addition to the Executive Director, the Commission may appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable, in accordance with the provisions of title 5 governing appointments to the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.”

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 101-239, §6221(3), substituted “through fiscal year 1991, such sums” for “such sums”.

Subsecs. (k), (l). Pub. L. 101-239, §6221(4), added subsecs. (k) and (l).

1988—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-647, §8201(1), (2), substituted “March 31, 1990” for “September 30, 1988” and “September 30, 1990” for “March 31, 1989” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(1)(A), (4)(B). Pub. L. 100-647, §8201(3), (4), substituted “September 30, 1990” for “March 31, 1989”.

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 100-647, §8201(5), inserted “for each of fiscal years 1989 and 1990” before period at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-3 effective Apr. 1, 2009, and applicable to child health assistance and medical assistance provided on or after that date, with certain exceptions, see section 3 of Pub. L. 111-3, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1396 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Section 264(h) of Pub. L. 103-432 provided that: “Each amendment made by this section [amending this section and sections 602, 1382a, and 1383 of this title] shall take effect as if included in the provision of OBRA-1990 [Pub. L. 101-508] to which the amendment relates at the time such provision became law.”

CONSTRUCTION OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Section 264(d) of Pub. L. 103-432 provided that: “Section 5057 of OBRA-1990 [Pub. L. 101-508, amending this section], and the amendment made by such section, are hereby repealed, and section 1139(d) of the Social Security Act [subsec. (d) of this section] shall be applied and administered as if such section 5057 had never been enacted.”

§ 1320b-9a. Child health quality measures**(a) Development of an initial core set of health care quality measures for children enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP****(1) In general**

Not later than January 1, 2010, the Secretary shall identify and publish for general comment an initial, recommended core set of child health quality measures for use by State programs administered under subchapters XIX and XXI, health insurance issuers and managed care entities that enter into contracts with such programs, and providers of items and services under such programs.

(2) Identification of initial core measures

In consultation with the individuals and entities described in subsection (b)(3), the Secretary shall identify existing quality of care measures for children that are in use under public and privately sponsored health care coverage arrangements, or that are part of reporting systems that measure both the presence and duration of health insurance coverage over time.

(3) Recommendations and dissemination

Based on such existing and identified measures, the Secretary shall publish an initial core set of child health quality measures that includes (but is not limited to) the following:

(A) The duration of children’s health insurance coverage over a 12-month time period.

(B) The availability and effectiveness of a full range of—

(i) preventive services, treatments, and services for acute conditions, including services to promote healthy birth, prevent and treat premature birth, and detect the presence or risk of physical or mental conditions that could adversely affect growth and development; and

(ii) treatments to correct or ameliorate the effects of physical and mental conditions, including chronic conditions and, with respect to dental care, conditions requiring the restoration of teeth, relief of pain and infection, and maintenance of dental health, in infants, young children, school-age children, and adolescents.

(C) The availability of care in a range of ambulatory and inpatient health care settings in which such care is furnished.

(D) The types of measures that, taken together, can be used to estimate the overall national quality of health care for children, including children with special needs, and to perform comparative analyses of pediatric health care quality and racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in child health and health care for children.

(4) Encourage voluntary and standardized reporting

Not later than 2 years after February 4, 2009, the Secretary, in consultation with States, shall develop a standardized format for reporting information and procedures and approaches that encourage States to use the initial core measurement set to voluntarily report information regarding the quality of pediatric health care under subchapters XIX and XXI.

(5) Adoption of best practices in implementing quality programs

The Secretary shall disseminate information to States regarding best practices among States with respect to measuring and reporting on the quality of health care for children, and shall facilitate the adoption of such best practices. In developing best practices approaches, the Secretary shall give particular attention to State measurement techniques that ensure the timeliness and accuracy of provider reporting, encourage provider reporting compliance, encourage successful quality improvement strategies, and improve efficiency in data collection using health information technology.

(6) Reports to Congress

Not later than January 1, 2011, and every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary shall report to Congress on—

(A) the status of the Secretary’s efforts to improve—

(i) quality related to the duration and stability of health insurance coverage for children under subchapters XIX and XXI;

(ii) the quality of children’s health care under such subchapters, including preventive health services, dental care, health care for acute conditions, chronic health care, and health services to ameliorate the effects of physical and mental conditions and to aid in growth and development of infants, young children, school-age children, and adolescents with special health care needs; and

(iii) the quality of children’s health care under such subchapters across the domains of quality, including clinical quality, health care safety, family experience with health care, health care in the most integrated setting, and elimination of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in health and health care;

(B) the status of voluntary reporting by States under subchapters XIX and XXI, utilizing the initial core quality measurement set; and

(C) any recommendations for legislative changes needed to improve the quality of care provided to children under subchapters