

tion of the amount appropriated for such period for fiscal year 2020" in first sentence and "2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023" for "and 2020, and for the period beginning on October 1, 2020, and ending on December 18, 2020" in last sentence.

Pub. L. 116-215 substituted "December 18, 2020" for "December 11, 2020" in two places.

Pub. L. 116-159 substituted "December 11, 2020" for "November 30, 2020" in two places.

Pub. L. 116-136, §3802, substituted "\$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, and for the period beginning on October 1, 2020, and ending on November 30, 2020, the amount equal to the pro rata portion of the amount appropriated for such period for fiscal year 2020" for "and \$4,830,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on May 22, 2020" in first sentence and "2019, and 2020, and for the period beginning on October 1, 2020, and ending on November 30, 2020," for "and 2019 and for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on May 22, 2020" in last sentence.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(1)(A), (B), (G), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, redesignated former pars. (1) to (6) as subpars. (A) to (F), respectively, of par. (1), and added par. (2).

Subsec. (e)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(1)(C), struck out at end "In years after the first plan under this paragraph is submitted, the requirements of this paragraph may be met by providing an update to the plan."

Subsec. (e)(1)(D). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(1)(D), substituted "Subject to paragraph (2)(B), a description" for "A description".

Subsec. (e)(1)(E). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(1)(E), substituted "Subject to paragraph (2)(B), the amount" for "The amount".

Subsec. (e)(1)(F). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(1)(F), substituted "Subject to paragraph (2)(B), estimates" for "Estimates".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-260, §102(b)(2), added subsec. (f).

2019—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 116-94 substituted "\$4,830,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on May 22, 2020" for "\$1,665,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on December 20, 2019" in first sentence and "May 22, 2020" for "December 20, 2019," in last sentence.

Pub. L. 116-69 substituted "\$1,665,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on December 20, 2019" for "\$1,069,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on November 21, 2019" in first sentence and "December 20, 2019" for "November 21, 2019" in last sentence.

Pub. L. 116-59 substituted "\$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019, and \$1,069,000 for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on November 21, 2019" for "and \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019" in first sentence and inserted "and for the period beginning on October 1, 2019, and ending on November 21, 2019," after "2018 and 2019" in last sentence.

2018—Subsec. (b)(5)(A). Pub. L. 115-123, §50206(c)(1), substituted "containing the following:" for "containing a description of—" in introductory provisions, inserted "(i) A description of—", redesignated former cls. (i) to (vi) as subcls. (I) to (VI), respectively, of cl. (i), realigned margins, and added cls. (ii) and (iii).

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115-123, §50206(a), substituted "2014," for "2014 and" and inserted ", and \$7,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019" after "through 2017" and "Amounts transferred for each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019 shall be in addition to any unobligated funds transferred for a preceding fiscal year that are available under the preceding sentence." after "until expended."

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-123, §50206(b), added subsec. (e).

2015—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 114-10 substituted "and \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2015 through 2017" for "and \$15,000,000 for the first 6 months of fiscal year 2015".

2014—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-93 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

2013—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 112-240, §609(a)(2), struck out par. (4). Text read as follows: "The entity shall promote the development and use of electronic health records that contain the functionality for automated collection, aggregation, and transmission of performance measurement information."

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-67 inserted at end "Amounts transferred under the preceding sentence shall remain available until expended."

Pub. L. 112-240, §609(a)(1), substituted "fiscal years 2009 through 2013" for "fiscal years 2009 through 2012".

2010—Subsec. (b)(5)(A)(iv) to (vi). Pub. L. 111-148, §3014(a)(2), added cls. (iv) to (vi).

Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 111-148, §3003(b), added par. (6).

Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 111-148, §10304, substituted "quality and efficiency" for "quality" wherever appearing in text.

Pub. L. 111-148, §3014(a)(1), added par. (7).

Subsec. (b)(7)(B). Pub. L. 111-148, §10304, which directed substitution of "quality and efficiency" for "quality" wherever appearing, was executed by substituting "Quality and efficiency" for "Quality" in subpar. heading to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (b)(7)(B)(I). Pub. L. 111-148, §10322(b), inserted "1395ww(s)(4)(D)," after "1395ww(o)(2)".

Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 111-148, §3014(a)(1), added par. (8).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-136, div. A, title III, §3802(b), Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 427, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94)."

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2019 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-94, div. N, title I, §102(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3096, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Further Health Extenders Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-69)."

Pub. L. 116-69, div. B, title IV, §1401(b), Nov. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 1138, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-59)."

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title II, §50206(c)(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 185, provided that: "The amendments made by this subsection [amending this section] shall apply to reports submitted for years beginning with 2019."

#### § 1395aaa-1. Quality and efficiency measurement

##### (a) Multi-stakeholder group input into selection of quality and efficiency measures

The Secretary shall establish a pre-rulemaking process under which the following steps occur with respect to the selection of quality and efficiency measures described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title:

###### (1) Input

Pursuant to section 1395aaa(b)(7) of this title, the entity with a contract under section 1395aaa of this title shall convene multi-stakeholder groups to provide input to the Secretary on the selection of quality and efficiency measures described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph.

**(2) Public availability of measures considered for selection**

Not later than December 1 of each year (beginning with 2011), the Secretary shall make available to the public a list of quality and efficiency measures described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title that the Secretary is considering under this subchapter.

**(3) Transmission of multi-stakeholder input**

Pursuant to section 1395aaa(b)(8) of this title, not later than February 1 of each year (beginning with 2012), the entity shall transmit to the Secretary the input of multi-stakeholder groups described in paragraph (1).

**(4) Consideration of multi-stakeholder input**

The Secretary shall take into consideration the input from multi-stakeholder groups described in paragraph (1) in selecting quality and efficiency measures described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title that have been endorsed by the entity with a contract under section 1395aaa of this title and measures that have not been endorsed by such entity.

**(5) Rationale for use of quality and efficiency measures**

The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rationale for the use of any quality and efficiency measure described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title that has not been endorsed by the entity with a contract under section 1395aaa of this title.

**(6) Assessment of impact**

Not later than March 1, 2012, and at least once every three years thereafter, the Secretary shall—

(A) conduct an assessment of the quality and efficiency impact of the use of endorsed measures described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title; and

(B) make such assessment available to the public.

**(b) Process for dissemination of measures used by the Secretary**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall establish a process for disseminating quality and efficiency measures used by the Secretary. Such process shall include the following:

(A) The incorporation of such measures, where applicable, in workforce programs, training curricula, and any other means of dissemination determined appropriate by the Secretary.

(B) The dissemination of such quality and efficiency measures through the national strategy developed under section 280j of this title.

**(2) Existing methods**

To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall utilize and expand existing dissemination methods in disseminating quality and efficiency measures under the process established under paragraph (1).

**(c) Review of quality and efficiency measures used by the Secretary**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall—

(A) periodically (but in no case less often than once every 3 years) review quality and efficiency measures described in section 1395aaa(b)(7)(B) of this title; and

(B) with respect to each such measure, determine whether to—

- (i) maintain the use of such measure; or
- (ii) phase out such measure.

**(2) Considerations**

In conducting the review under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take steps to—

(A) seek to avoid duplication of measures used; and

(B) take into consideration current innovative methodologies and strategies for quality and efficiency improvement practices in the delivery of health care services that represent best practices for such quality and efficiency improvement and measures endorsed by the entity with a contract under section 1395aaa of this title since the previous review by the Secretary.

**(d) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this section shall preclude a State from using the quality and efficiency measures identified under sections 1320b-9a and 1320b-9b of this title.

**(e) Development of quality and efficiency measures**

The Administrator of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services shall through contracts develop quality and efficiency measures (as determined appropriate by the Administrator) for use under this chapter. In developing such measures, the Administrator shall consult with the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

**(f) Hospital acquired conditions**

The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, publicly report on measures for hospital-acquired conditions that are currently utilized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for the adjustment of the amount of payment to hospitals based on rates of hospital-acquired infections.

**(g) Technical expert panel review of opioid and opioid use disorder quality measures**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 180 days after October 24, 2018, the Secretary shall establish a technical expert panel for purposes of reviewing quality measures relating to opioids and opioid use disorders, including care, prevention, diagnosis, health outcomes, and treatment furnished to individuals with opioid use disorders. The Secretary may use the entity with a contract under section 1395aaa(a) of this title and amend such contract as necessary to provide for the establishment of such technical expert panel.

**(2) Review and assessment**

Not later than 1 year after the date the technical expert panel described in paragraph (1) is established (and periodically thereafter as the Secretary determines appropriate), the technical expert panel shall—

- (A) review quality measures that relate to opioids and opioid use disorders, including

existing measures and those under development;

(B) identify gaps in areas of quality measurement that relate to opioids and opioid use disorders, and identify measure development priorities for such measure gaps; and

(C) make recommendations to the Secretary on quality measures with respect to opioids and opioid use disorders for purposes of improving care, prevention, diagnosis, health outcomes, and treatment, including recommendations for revisions of such measures, need for development of new measures, and recommendations for including such measures in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System under section 1395w-4(q) of this title, the alternative payment models under section 1395l(z)(3)(C) of this title, the shared savings program under section 1395jjj of this title, the quality reporting requirements for inpatient hospitals under section 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(viii) of this title, and the hospital value-based purchasing program under section 1395ww(o) of this title.

**(3) Consideration of measures by Secretary**

The Secretary shall consider—

(A) using opioid and opioid use disorder measures (including measures used under the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System under section 1395w-4(q) of this title, measures recommended under paragraph (2)(C), and other such measures identified by the Secretary) in alternative payment models under section 1395l(z)(3)(C) of this title and in the shared savings program under section 1395jjj of this title; and

(B) using opioid measures described in subparagraph (A), as applicable, in the quality reporting requirements for inpatient hospitals under section 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(viii) of this title, and in the hospital value-based purchasing program under section 1395ww(o) of this title.

**(4) Prioritization of measure development**

The Secretary shall prioritize for measure development the gaps in quality measures identified under paragraph (2)(B).

**(5) Prioritization of measure endorsement**

The Secretary—

(A) during the period beginning on October 24, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2023, shall prioritize the endorsement of measures relating to opioids and opioid use disorders by the entity with a contract under subsection (a) of section 1395aaa of this title in connection with endorsement of measures described in subsection (b)(2) of such section; and

(B) on and after January 1, 2024, may prioritize the endorsement of such measures by such entity.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, §1890A, as added and amended Pub. L. 111-148, title III, §§3013(b), 3014(b), title X, §§10303(b), 10304, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 383, 385, 938; Pub. L. 115-271, title VI, §6093, Oct. 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 4001.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115-271 added subsec. (g).

2010—Pub. L. 111-148, §10304, substituted “quality and efficiency” for “quality” wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-148, §3013(b), added subsec. (e). Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-148, §10303(b), added subsec. (f).

**§ 1395bbb. Conditions of participation for home health agencies; home health quality**

**(a) Conditions of participation; protection of individual rights; notification of State entities; use of home health aides; medical equipment; individual's plan of care; compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations**

The conditions of participation that a home health agency is required to meet under this subsection are as follows:

(1) The agency protects and promotes the rights of each individual under its care, including each of the following rights:

(A) The right to be fully informed in advance about the care and treatment to be provided by the agency, to be fully informed in advance of any changes in the care or treatment to be provided by the agency that may affect the individual's well-being, and (except with respect to an individual adjudged incompetent) to participate in planning care and treatment or changes in care or treatment.

(B) The right to voice grievances with respect to treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished without discrimination or reprisal for voicing grievances.

(C) The right to confidentiality of the clinical records described in section 1395x(o)(3) of this title.

(D) The right to have one's property treated with respect.

(E) The right to be fully informed orally and in writing (in advance of coming under the care of the agency) of—

(i) all items and services furnished by (or under arrangements with) the agency for which payment may be made under this subchapter,

(ii) the coverage available for such items and services under this subchapter, subchapter XIX, and any other Federal program of which the agency is reasonably aware,

(iii) any charges for items and services not covered under this subchapter and any charges the individual may have to pay with respect to items and services furnished by (or under arrangements with) the agency, and

(iv) any changes in the charges or items and services described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii).

(F) The right to be fully informed in writing (in advance of coming under the care of the agency) of the individual's rights and obligations under this subchapter.

(G) The right to be informed of the availability of the State home health agency hotline established under section 1395aa(a) of this title.

(2) The agency notifies the State entity responsible for the licensing or certification of the agency of a change in—