

the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

**(h) Travel expenses**

The members of the Advisory Board shall not receive compensation for the performance of services for the Advisory Board. The members shall be allowed travel expenses for up to 4 meetings per year, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Advisory Board. Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, the Secretary may accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of the members of the Advisory Board.

**(i) Detail of Government employees**

Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Advisory Board without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

**(j) Status as permanent advisory committee**

Section 1013 of title 5 shall not apply to the advisory board.<sup>1</sup>

**(k) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2022, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, §6703(a)(1)(C), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 787; amended Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(257), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4334.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Elder Justice Act of 2009, referred to in subsec. (g)(2), is subtitle H (§§6701-6703) of title VI of Pub. L. 111-148, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 782. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2010 Amendment note set out under section 1305 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “Section 1013 of title 5” for “Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)”.

**§ 1397k-2. Research protections**

**(a) Guidelines**

The Secretary shall promulgate guidelines to assist researchers working in the area of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, with issues relating to human subject protections.

**(b) Definition of legally authorized representative for application of regulations**

For purposes of the application of subpart A of part 46 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, to research conducted under this subpart, the term “legally authorized representative” means, unless otherwise provided by law, the individual or judicial or other body authorized under the applicable law to consent to medical treatment on behalf of another person.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XX, §2023, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, §6703(a)(1)(C), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 789.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Advisory Board”.

**§ 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

**§ 1397I. 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

submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require (which may include evidence of consultation with the State in which the eligible entity is located with respect to carrying out activities funded under the grant).

**(iii) Authority to limit number of applicants**

Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as prohibiting the Secretary from limiting the number of applicants for a grant under this subparagraph.

**(3) Specific programs to improve management practices**

**(A) In general**

The Secretary shall make grants to eligible entities to enable the entities to provide training and technical assistance.

**(B) Authorized activities**

An eligible entity that receives a grant under subparagraph (A) shall use funds made available through the grant to provide training and technical assistance regarding management practices using methods that are demonstrated to promote retention of individuals who provide direct care, such as—

(i) the establishment of standard human resource policies that reward high performance, including policies that provide for improved wages and benefits on the basis of job reviews;

(ii) the establishment of motivational and thoughtful work organization practices;

(iii) the creation of a workplace culture that respects and values caregivers and their needs;

(iv) the promotion of a workplace culture that respects the rights of residents of an eligible entity or individuals receiving community-based long-term care from an eligible entity and results in improved care for the residents or the individuals; and

(v) the establishment of other programs that promote the provision of high quality care, such as a continuing education program that provides additional hours of training, including on-the-job training, for employees who are certified nurse aides.

**(C) Application**

To be eligible to receive a grant under this paragraph, an eligible entity shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require (which may include evidence of consultation with the State in which the eligible entity is located with respect to carrying out activities funded under the grant).

**(D) Authority to limit number of applicants**

Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as prohibiting the Secretary from limiting the number of applicants for a grant under this paragraph.