

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(4), substituted “and improve” for “or improve”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(5), (6), redesignated subsec. (i) as (h) and struck out former subsec. (h). Prior to amendment, text of subsec. (h) read as follows: “The Secretary shall establish the terms and conditions of each grant program described in subsection (b) and the maximum amount of a grant to be awarded to an individual recipient for each fiscal year under this section. The Secretary shall publish, in a publication of the Health Resources and Services Administration, notice of the application requirements for each grant program described in subsection (b) for each fiscal year.”

Subsec. (h)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(7)(A)(i), substituted “mental health care, public health services, long-term care, home care, preventive care” for “mental health, public health, long-term care, home care, preventive”.

Subsec. (h)(1)(E). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(7)(A)(ii), inserted “and regional” after “local”.

Subsec. (h)(1)(F). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(7)(A)(iii), struck out subpar. (F). Text read as follows: “The eligible entity demonstrates that health care information has been integrated into the project.”

Subsec. (h)(2)(A). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(7)(B), substituted “rural areas, medically underserved areas, or” for “medically underserved areas or”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(6), redesignated subsec. (j) as (i). Former subsec. (i) redesignated (h).

Subsec. (i)(2). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(8), substituted “ensure that not less than 50 percent of the funds awarded shall be awarded for projects in rural areas.” for “ensure that—

“(A) not less than 50 percent of the funds awarded shall be awarded for projects in rural areas; and

“(B) the total amount of funds awarded for such projects for that fiscal year shall be not less than the total amount of funds awarded for such projects for fiscal year 2001 under section 254c of this title (as in effect on the day before October 26, 2002).”

Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(6), redesignated subsec. (k) as (j). Former subsec. (j) redesignated (i).

Subsec. (j)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(9)(A), struck out “computer hardware and software, audio and video equipment, computer network equipment, interactive equipment, data terminal equipment, and other” before “equipment that furthers the objectives”.

Subsec. (j)(2)(F). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(9)(B), struck out “health care providers and” before “consumers”.

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(6), redesignated subsec. (l) as (k). Former subsec. (k) redesignated (j).

Subsec. (k)(2). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(10)(A), substituted “20 percent” for “40 percent”.

Subsec. (k)(3). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(10)(B), struck out “(such as laying cable or telephone lines, or purchasing or installing microwave towers, satellite dishes, amplifiers, or digital switching equipment)” before semicolon at end.

Subsecs. (l) to (o). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(6), redesignated subsecs. (m) to (p) as (l) to (o), respectively. Former subsec. (l) redesignated (k).

Subsec. (p). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(11), added subsec. (p).

Subsec. (q). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(13), substituted “this section \$29,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.” for “this section—

“(1) for grants under subsection (d)(1), \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006; and

“(2) for grants under subsection (d)(2), \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2002, and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006.”

Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(11), (12), redesignated subsec. (s) as (q) and struck out former subsec. (q). Prior to amendment, text of subsec. (q) read as follows: “Not later than September 30, 2005, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the progress and accomplishments of the grant programs described in subsection (b).”

Subsec. (r). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(11), struck out subsec. (r). Text read as follows: “The Secretary shall issue

regulations specifying, for purposes of this section, a definition of the term “frontier area”. The definition shall be based on factors that include population density, travel distance in miles to the nearest medical facility, travel time in minutes to the nearest medical facility, and such other factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate. The Secretary shall develop the definition in consultation with the Director of the Bureau of the Census and the Administrator of the Economic Research Service of the Department of Agriculture.”

Subsec. (s). Pub. L. 116-136, §3212(12), redesignated subsec. (s) as (q).

2013—Subsec. (i)(1)(B). Pub. L. 113-55 substituted “case management services, or prenatal care for high-risk pregnancies” for “or case management services”.

2003—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 108-163, §2(c)(1), substituted “section 295p(6)” for “section 295p”.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-163, §2(c)(2), substituted “Health Resources and Services Administration” for “Health and Resources and Services Administration”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendments by Pub. L. 108-163 deemed to have taken effect immediately after the enactment of Pub. L. 107-251, see section 3 of Pub. L. 108-163, set out as a note under section 233 of this title.

§ 254c-15. Transferred

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §330J, as added Pub. L. 107-251, title II, §221, Oct. 26, 2002, 116 Stat. 1638; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title XII, §12608, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 5008; Pub. L. 118-84, §2(1)-(5), Sept. 26, 2024, 138 Stat. 1544, which related to rural emergency medical service training and equipment assistance program, was renumbered section 553 of title V of act July 1, 1944, by Pub. L. 118-84, §2(6), (7), Sept. 26, 2024, 138 Stat. 1544, 1545, and transferred to section 290ee-10 of this title.

§ 254c-16. Mental health services delivered via telehealth

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means a public or nonprofit private telehealth provider network that offers services that include mental health services provided by qualified mental health providers.

(2) Qualified mental health professionals

The term “qualified mental health professionals” refers to providers of mental health services reimbursed under the medicare program carried out under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) who have additional training in the treatment of mental illness in children and adolescents or who have additional training in the treatment of mental illness in the elderly.

(3) Special populations

The term “special populations” refers to the following 2 distinct groups:

(A) Children and adolescents in mental health underserved rural areas or in mental health underserved urban areas.