

dence-based practices for interventions to improve the physical and behavioral health of individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities across the lifespan of such individuals, develop guidelines for those interventions, and disseminate information related to such research and guidelines.”

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 118-180, §3(b)(12), substituted “September 30, 2029” for “December 20, 2024”.

Pub. L. 118-83 substituted “December 20, 2024” for “September 30, 2024”.

2019—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(1), substituted “individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities” for “individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities” and “individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities across their lifespan;” for “children with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities;”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(2)(A), inserted “individuals with” before “autism spectrum disorder”.

Subsec. (b)(4) to (7). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(2)(B), (C), added par. (4) and redesignated former pars. (4) to (6) as (5) to (7), respectively.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(3)(A), substituted “the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities across their lifespan and the needs of their families” for “the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities and their families” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(3)(B)(i), substituted “caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities” for “caregivers of individuals with an autism spectrum disorder”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B)(i)(II). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(3)(B)(ii), inserted “autism spectrum disorder and” after “individuals with”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(3)(B)(iii), inserted “autism spectrum disorder and” after “individuals with”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(4)(A)(i), inserted “across their lifespan” before “and ensure” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(1)(B)(iv). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(4)(A)(ii), inserted “across their lifespan” after “other developmental disabilities”.

Subsec. (e)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(4)(B), (C), added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(5), inserted “across the lifespan of such individuals” after “other developmental disabilities”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(b)(6), substituted “2024” for “2019”.

2014—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 113-157, §4(1), inserted “culturally competent” after “provide”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 113-157, §4(2), inserted “(which may include respite care for caregivers of individuals with an autism spectrum disorder)” after “services and supports”.

Subsec. (e)(1)(B)(v). Pub. L. 113-157, §4(3), inserted before semicolon “, which may include collaborating with research centers or networks to provide training for providers of respite care (as defined in section 300ii of this title)”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-157, §4(4), substituted “grants or contracts, which may include grants or contracts to research centers or networks, to determine the evidence-based practices for interventions to improve the physical and behavioral health of individuals with” for “grants or contracts, to determine the evidence-based practices for interventions for individuals with”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113-157, §4(5), substituted “2019” for “2014”.

2011—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112-32 substituted “2014” for “2011”.

§ 280i-2. Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee

(a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a committee, to be known as the “Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee” (in this section referred to as the “Committee”), to coordinate all efforts within the Department of Health and Human Services concerning autism spectrum disorder.

(b) Responsibilities

In carrying out its duties under this section, the Committee shall, on a regular basis—

(1) monitor autism spectrum disorder research, and to the extent practicable services and support activities, across all relevant Federal departments and agencies, including coordination of Federal activities with respect to autism spectrum disorder;

(2) summarize of¹ advances in autism spectrum disorder research related to causes, prevention, treatment, early screening, diagnosis or rule out, interventions, including school and community-based interventions, and access to services and supports for individuals with autism spectrum disorder across the lifespan of such individuals;

(3) make recommendations to the Secretary regarding any appropriate changes to such activities, including with² respect to the strategic plan developed under paragraph (5);

(4) make recommendations to the Secretary regarding public participation in decisions relating to autism spectrum disorder, and the process by which public feedback can be better integrated into such decisions;

(5) develop a strategic plan for the conduct of, and support for, autism spectrum disorder research, as described in section 284g(a)(1) of this title, which shall include—

(A) proposed budgetary requirements; and

(B) recommendations to ensure that autism spectrum disorder research, and services and support activities to the extent practicable, of the Department of Health and Human Services and of other Federal departments and agencies are not unnecessarily duplicative; and

(6) submit to the Congress and the President—

(A) an annual update on the summary of advances described in paragraph (2); and

(B) a biennial update on the strategic plan described in paragraph (5), including progress made in achieving the goals outlined in such strategic plan and any specific measures taken pursuant to such strategic plan.

(c) Membership

(1) Federal membership

The Committee shall be composed of the following Federal members—

(A) the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

(B) the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and the Directors of such national

¹ So in original. The word “of” probably should not appear.

² So in original. Probably should be preceded by “recommendations”.

research institutes of the National Institutes of Health as the Secretary determines appropriate;

(C) the heads of such other agencies as the Secretary determines appropriate, such as the Administration for Community Living, Administration for Children and Families, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Health Resources and Services Administration; and

(D) representatives of other Federal Governmental agencies that serve individuals with autism spectrum disorder such as the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Justice, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Defense.

(2) Non-Federal members

Not more than $\frac{1}{2}$, but not fewer than $\frac{1}{3}$, of the total membership of the Committee,³ shall be composed of non-Federal public members to be appointed by the Secretary, of which—

(A) at least three such members shall be individuals with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder;

(B) at least three such members shall be parents or legal guardians of an individual with an autism spectrum disorder; and

(C) at least three such members shall be representatives of leading research, advocacy, and service organizations for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

(3) Period of appointment; vacancies

(A) Period of appointment for non-Federal members

Non-Federal members shall serve for a term of 4 years, and may be reappointed for one additional 4-year term.

(B) Vacancies

A vacancy on the Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made and shall not affect the powers or duties of the Committee. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A member may serve after the expiration of the member's term until a successor has been appointed.

(d) Administrative support; terms of service; other provisions

The following provisions shall apply with respect to the Committee:

(1) The Committee shall receive necessary and appropriate administrative support from the Secretary.

(2) The Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the request of the Secretary. The Committee shall meet not fewer than 2 times each year.

(3) All meetings of the Committee shall be public and shall include appropriate time periods for questions and presentations by the public.

³ So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

(e) Subcommittees; establishment and membership

In carrying out its functions, the Committee may establish subcommittees and convene workshops and conferences. Such subcommittees shall be composed of Committee members and may hold such meetings as are necessary to enable the subcommittees to carry out their duties.

(f) Sunset

This section shall not apply after September 30, 2029, and the Committee shall be terminated on such date.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, §399CC, as added Pub. L. 109-416, §3(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2827; amended Pub. L. 112-32, §2(3), Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 361; Pub. L. 113-157, §5, Aug. 8, 2014, 128 Stat. 1832; Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c), Sept. 30, 2019, 133 Stat. 1112; Pub. L. 118-83, div. B, title II, §201(c), Sept. 26, 2024, 138 Stat. 1537; Pub. L. 118-180, §3(c), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2617.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118-180, §3(c)(1)(A), inserted “, on a regular basis” after “shall” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 118-180, §3(c)(1)(B), substituted “summarize” for “develop a summary”.

Subsec. (b)(5), (6). Pub. L. 118-180, §3(c)(1)(C), added pars. (5) and (6) and struck out former pars. (5) and (6) which related, respectively, to development of a strategic plan and annual updates to Congress and the President.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 118-180, §3(c)(2), substituted “September 30, 2029” for “December 20, 2024”.

Pub. L. 118-83 substituted “December 20, 2024” for “September 30, 2024”.

2019—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(1)(A), inserted “across the lifespan of such individuals” before semicolon at end.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(1)(B), inserted “across the lifespan of such individuals” before “and the families” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1)(D). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(2)(A), inserted “, the Department of Labor, the Department of Justice, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development,” after “Department of Education”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(2)(B), substituted “at least three such members” for “at least two such members” in subpars. (A) to (C).

Subsec. (c)(3)(A). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(2)(C), substituted “one additional 4-year term” for “one or more additional 4-year terms”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-60, §3(c)(3), substituted “2024” for “2019”.

2014—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(C), added par. (1). Former par. (1) redesignated (2).

Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(A), struck out “and annually update” after “develop” and substituted “interventions, including school and community-based interventions” for “intervention”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(B), (C), redesignated par. (1) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “monitor Federal activities with respect to autism spectrum disorder;”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(D), struck out “recommendations to the Director of NIH” after “including”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(E), inserted before semicolon “, and the process by which public feedback can be better integrated into such decisions”.

Subsec. (b)(5), (6). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(1)(F), added pars. (5) and (6) and struck out former pars. (5) and (6) which read as follows:

“(5) develop and annually update a strategic plan for the conduct of, and support for, autism spectrum disorder research, including proposed budgetary requirements; and

“(6) submit to the Congress such strategic plan and any updates to such plan.”

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(A)(i), substituted “Federal membership” for “In general” in heading and “The Committee shall be composed of the following Federal members—” for “The Committee shall be composed of—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(1)(C). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(A)(ii), inserted “, such as the Administration for Community Living, Administration for Children and Families, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Health Resources and Services Administration” before semicolon and inserted “and” at end.

Subsec. (c)(1)(D). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(A)(iii), inserted “and the Department of Defense” after “Department of Education” and substituted period at end for “; and”.

Subsec. (c)(1)(E). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(A)(iv), struck out subpar. (E) which read as follows: “the additional members appointed under paragraph (2).”

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(B)(i), (ii), substituted “Non-Federal” for “Additional” in heading and “Not more than ½, but not fewer than ¼, of the total membership of the Committee, or 1/3 of the total membership of the Committee, whichever is greater” in introductory provisions. Substitution in text was executed as the probable intent of Congress, notwithstanding directory language that struck out “½” instead of “1/3” as it appeared in the original.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(B)(iii), substituted “two such members shall be individuals” for “one such member shall be an individual”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(B)(iv), substituted “two such members shall be parents or legal guardians” for “one such member shall be a parent or legal guardian”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(B)(v), substituted “two such members shall be representatives” for “one such member shall be a representative”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(2)(C), added par. (3).

Subsec. (d)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(3), redesignated pars. (3) and (4) as (2) and (3), respectively, and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “Members of the Committee appointed under subsection (c)(2) shall serve for a term of 4 years, and may be reappointed for one or more additional 4 year term. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A member may serve after the expiration of the member’s term until a successor has taken office.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 113-157, §5(4), substituted “2019” for “2014”.

2011—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 112-32 substituted “2014” for “2011”.

§ 280i-3. Reports to Congress

(a) Progress report

(1) In general

Not later than 4 years after September 30, 2024, the Secretary, in consultation with other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall prepare and 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, and make publicly available, including through posting on the website of the Department of Health and Human Services, a progress report on activities related to autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. Such report shall include activities and research related to the entire popu-

lation of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including those individuals with co-occurring conditions and the full range of needs for supports and services, including such supports and services to ensure the safety, and promote the well-being, of such individuals.

(2) Contents

The report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain—

(A) a description of the progress made in implementing the provisions of the Autism CARES Act of 2024;

(B) a description of the amounts expended on the implementation of the amendments made by the Autism CARES Act of 2024;

(C) information on the incidence and prevalence of autism spectrum disorder, including available information on the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder among children and adults, and identification of any changes over time with respect to the incidence and prevalence of autism spectrum disorder;

(D) information on the average age of diagnosis for children with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities, including how that age may have changed over the 4-year period beginning on December 23, 2024, and, as appropriate, how this age varies across population subgroups;

(E) information on the average age for intervention for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities, including how that age may have changed over the 4-year period beginning on December 23, 2024, and, as appropriate, how this age varies across population subgroups;

(F) information on the average time between initial screening and then diagnosis or rule out for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities, as well as information on the average time between diagnosis and evidence-based intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities and, as appropriate, on how such average time varies across population subgroups;

(G) information on the effectiveness and outcomes of interventions for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including by severity level as practicable, and other developmental disabilities and how the age of the individual or other factors, such as demographic characteristics, may affect such effectiveness;

(H) information on the effectiveness and outcomes of innovative and newly developed intervention strategies for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities;

(I) a description of the actions taken to implement and the progress made on implementation of the strategic plan developed by the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee under section 2801-2(b) of this title; and

(J) information on how States use home- and community-based services and other supports to ensure that individuals with au-