

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Energy and Commerce of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Commerce of House of Representatives by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress. Committee on Commerce of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Energy and Commerce of House of Representatives, and jurisdiction over matters relating to securities and exchanges and insurance generally transferred to Committee on Financial Services of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Seventh Congress, Jan. 3, 2001.

Reference to Chief Medical Director of Department of Veterans Affairs deemed to refer to Under Secretary for Health of Department of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section 302(e) of Pub. L. 102-405, set out as a note under section 305 of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-531 effective immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 102-408, see section 313(c) of Pub. L. 102-531, set out as a note under section 292y of this title.

REFERENCES IN OTHER LAWS TO GS-16, 17, OR 18 PAY RATES

References in laws to the rates of pay for GS-16, 17, or 18, or to maximum rates of pay under the General Schedule, to be considered references to rates payable under specified sections of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, see section 529 [title I, § 101(c)(1)] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out in a note under section 5376 of Title 5.

FUNDING FOR COUNCIL ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Pub. L. 112-74, div. F, title II, §215, Dec. 23, 2011, 125 Stat. 1085, provided that: "Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, discretionary funds made available in this Act [div. F of Pub. L. 112-74, see Tables for classification] may be used to continue operating the Council on Graduate Medical Education established by section 301 of Public Law 102-408 [now section 762 of act July 1, 1944, which is classified to this section]."

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 111-117, div. D, title II, §216, Dec. 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3259.

Pub. L. 111-8, div. F, title II, §216, Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 782.

Pub. L. 110-161, div. G, title II, §217, Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2187.

Pub. L. 109-149, title II, §219, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2861.

Pub. L. 108-447, div. F, title II, §218, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3141.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. E, title II, §219, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 255.

§ 294p. Training for health care providers**(a) Grant program**

The Secretary shall establish a program to award grants to accredited schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, and nursing, and other health professional training programs for the training of health care professionals to improve the provision of prenatal care, labor care, birthing, and postpartum care for racial and ethnic minority populations, including with respect to perceptions and biases that may affect the approach to, and provision of, care.

(b) Eligibility

To be eligible for a grant under subsection (a), an entity described in such subsection shall sub-

mit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) Reporting requirements**(1) Periodic grantee reports**

Each entity awarded a grant under this section shall periodically submit to the Secretary a report on the status of activities conducted using the grant, including a description of the impact of such training on patient outcomes, as applicable.

(2) Report to Congress

Not later than September 30, 2026, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the activities conducted using grants under subsection (a) and any best practices identified and disseminated under subsection (d).

(d) Best practices

The Secretary may identify and disseminate best practices for the training described in subsection (a).

(e) Authorization of appropriations

To carry out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §763, as added Pub. L. 117-103, div. P, title I, §132, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 795.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 294p, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §763, as added Pub. L. 106-310, div. A, title III, §301(b), Oct. 17, 2000, 114 Stat. 1111, related to pediatric rheumatologists, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 117-103, div. P, title I, §132, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 795.

Another prior section 294p, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §778, as added Pub. L. 102-408, title I, §102, Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2054, authorized grants and contracts to assist provision of health care in rural areas, prior to the general amendment of this part by Pub. L. 105-392.

Another prior section 294p, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, §743, as added Sept. 24, 1963, Pub. L. 88-129, §2(b), 77 Stat. 172; amended Oct. 22, 1965, Pub. L. 89-290, §4(d), 79 Stat. 1057; Nov. 3, 1966, Pub. L. 89-751, §5(c)(2), (3), 80 Stat. 1233; Aug. 16, 1968, Pub. L. 90-490, title I, §121(c), 82 Stat. 778; July 9, 1971, Pub. L. 92-52, §1(b), 85 Stat. 144; Nov. 18, 1971, Pub. L. 92-157, title I, §105(e)(2), (f)(2), 85 Stat. 451; Oct. 12, 1976, Pub. L. 94-484, title IV, §§405, 406(e), 90 Stat. 2267, 2268; Aug. 13, 1981, Pub. L. 97-35, title XXVII, §2736, 95 Stat. 920; Oct. 22, 1985, Pub. L. 99-129, title II, §209(i), 99 Stat. 536; Nov. 4, 1988, Pub. L. 100-607, title VI, §603(d), 102 Stat. 3125, related to distribution of assets from loan funds, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 102-408. See section 292x of this title.

A prior section 763 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 294b of this title prior to the general amendment of part D of this subchapter by Pub. L. 105-392.

Another prior section 763 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 295b of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-129.

Another prior section 763 of act July 1, 1944, was classified to section 295b of this title prior to the general amendment of former part D of this subchapter by Pub. L. 91-696.

§ 294q. National Health Care Workforce Commission

(a) Purpose

It is the purpose of this section to establish a National Health Care Workforce Commission that—

- (1) serves as a national resource for Congress, the President, States, and localities;
- (2) communicates and coordinates with the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security, and Education on related activities administered by one or more of such Departments;
- (3) develops and commissions evaluations of education and training activities to determine whether the demand for health care workers is being met;
- (4) identifies barriers to improved coordination at the Federal, State, and local levels and recommend ways to address such barriers; and
- (5) encourages innovations to address population needs, constant changes in technology, and other environmental factors.

(b) Establishment

There is hereby established the National Health Care Workforce Commission (in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(c) Membership

(1) Number and appointment

The Commission shall be composed of 15 members to be appointed by the Comptroller General, without regard to section 1004 of title 5.

(2) Qualifications

(A) In general

The membership of the Commission shall include individuals—

- (i) with national recognition for their expertise in health care labor market analysis; health care workforce analysis; health care finance and economics; health care facility management; health care plans and integrated delivery systems; health care workforce education and training; health care philanthropy; providers of health care services; and other related fields; and
- (ii) who will provide a combination of professional perspectives, broad geographic representation, and a balance between urban, suburban, rural, and frontier representatives.

(B) Inclusion

(i) In general

The membership of the Commission shall include no less than one representative of—

- (I) the health care workforce and health professionals;
- (II) employers, including representatives of small business and self-employed individuals;
- (III) third-party payers;
- (IV) individuals skilled in the conduct and interpretation of health care services and health economics research;

- (V) representatives of consumers;
- (VI) labor unions;
- (VII) State or local workforce investment boards; and
- (VIII) educational institutions (which may include elementary and secondary institutions, institutions of higher education, including 2 and 4 year institutions, or registered apprenticeship programs).

(ii) Additional members

The remaining membership may include additional representatives from clause (i) and other individuals as determined appropriate by the Comptroller General of the United States.

(C) Majority non-providers

Individuals who are directly involved in health professions education or practice shall not constitute a majority of the membership of the Commission.

(D) Ethical disclosure

The Comptroller General shall establish a system for public disclosure by members of the Commission of financial and other potential conflicts of interest relating to such members. Members of the Commission shall be treated as employees of Congress for purposes of applying subchapter I of chapter 131 of title 5. Members of the Commission shall not be treated as special government employees under title 18.

(3) Terms

(A) In general

The terms of members of the Commission shall be for 3 years except that the Comptroller General shall designate staggered terms for the members first appointed.

(B) Vacancies

Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of that term. A member may serve after the expiration of that member's term until a successor has taken office. A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(C) Initial appointments

The Comptroller General shall make initial appointments of members to the Commission not later than September 30, 2010.

(4) Compensation

While serving on the business of the Commission (including travel time), a member of the Commission shall be entitled to compensation at the per diem equivalent of the rate provided for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title¹ 5, and while so serving away from home and the member's regular place of business, a member may be allowed travel expenses, as authorized by the Chairman of the Commission. Physicians serv-

¹ So in original. Probably should be “title”.