

**§ 299c-2. Certain provisions with respect to development, collection, and dissemination of data**

**(a) Standards with respect to utility of data**

**(1) In general**

To ensure the utility, accuracy, and sufficiency of data collected by or for the Agency for the purpose described in section 299(b) of this title, the Director shall establish standard methods for developing and collecting such data, taking into consideration—

(A) other Federal health data collection standards; and

(B) the differences between types of health care plans, delivery systems, health care providers, and provider arrangements.

**(2) Relationship with other Department programs**

In any case where standards under paragraph (1) may affect the administration of other programs carried out by the Department of Health and Human Services, including the programs under title XVIII, XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq., 1396 et seq., 1397aa et seq.], or may affect health information that is subject to a standard developed under part C of title XI of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1320d et seq.], they shall be in the form of recommendations to the Secretary for such program.

**(b) Statistics and analyses**

The Director shall—

(1) take appropriate action to ensure that statistics and analyses developed under this subchapter are of high quality, timely, and duly comprehensive, and that the statistics are specific, standardized, and adequately analyzed and indexed; and

(2) publish, make available, and disseminate such statistics and analyses on as wide a basis as is practicable.

**(c) Authority regarding certain requests**

Upon request of a public or private entity, the Director may conduct or support research or analyses otherwise authorized by this subchapter pursuant to arrangements under which such entity will pay the cost of the services provided. Amounts received by the Director under such arrangements shall be available to the Director for obligation until expended.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 943, formerly § 923, as added Pub. L. 106-129, § 2(a), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1666; renumbered § 933, Pub. L. 109-41, § 2(a)(3), July 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 424; renumbered § 943, Pub. L. 111-148, title III, § 3013(a)(2), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 381.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620. Part C of title XI of the Act is classified generally to part C (§ 1320d et seq.) of title XI of chapter 7 of this title. Titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act are classified generally to subchapters XVIII (§ 1395 et seq.), XIX (§ 1396 et seq.), and XXI (§ 1397aa et seq.), respectively, of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of this title and Tables.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 299c-2, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 923, as added Pub. L. 101-239, title VI, § 6103(c), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2202; amended Pub. L. 102-410, § 5(e), Oct. 12, 1992, 106 Stat. 2098, related to development, collection, and dissemination of data, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 106-129.

**§ 299c-3. Dissemination of information**

**(a) In general**

The Director shall—

(1) without regard to section 501 of title 44, promptly publish, make available, and otherwise disseminate, in a form understandable and on as broad a basis as practicable so as to maximize its use, the results of research, demonstration projects, and evaluations conducted or supported under this subchapter;

(2) ensure that information disseminated by the Agency is science-based and objective and undertakes consultation as necessary to assess the appropriateness and usefulness of the presentation of information that is targeted to specific audiences;

(3) promptly make available to the public data developed in such research, demonstration projects, and evaluations;

(4) provide, in collaboration with the National Library of Medicine where appropriate, indexing, abstracting, translating, publishing, and other services leading to a more effective and timely dissemination of information on research, demonstration projects, and evaluations with respect to health care to public and private entities and individuals engaged in the improvement of health care delivery and the general public, and undertake programs to develop new or improved methods for making such information available; and

(5) as appropriate, provide technical assistance to State and local government and health agencies and conduct liaison activities to such agencies to foster dissemination.

**(b) Prohibition against restrictions**

Except as provided in subsection (c), the Director may not restrict the publication or dissemination of data from, or the results of, projects conducted or supported under this subchapter.

**(c) Limitation on use of certain information**

No information, if an establishment or person supplying the information or described in it is identifiable, obtained in the course of activities undertaken or supported under this subchapter may be used for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was supplied unless such establishment or person has consented (as determined under regulations of the Director) to its use for such other purpose. Such information may not be published or released in other form if the person who supplied the information or who is described in it is identifiable unless such person has consented (as determined under regulations of the Director) to its publication or release in other form.

**(d) Penalty**

Any person who violates subsection (c) shall be subject to a civil monetary penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each such violation in-

volved. Such penalty shall be imposed and collected in the same manner as civil money penalties under subsection (a) of section 1320a-7a of this title are imposed and collected.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 944, formerly § 924, as added Pub. L. 106-129, § 2(a), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1667; renumbered § 934, Pub. L. 109-41, § 2(a)(3), July 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 424; renumbered § 944, Pub. L. 111-148, title III, § 3013(a)(2), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 381.)

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#### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 299c-3, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 924, as added Pub. L. 101-239, title VI, § 6103(c), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2202; amended Pub. L. 102-410, § 9, Oct. 13, 1992, 106 Stat. 2100, related to additional provisions with respect to grants and contracts, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 106-129. See section 299c-4 of this title.

### **§ 299c-4. Additional provisions with respect to grants and contracts**

#### **(a) Financial conflicts of interest**

With respect to projects for which awards of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts are authorized to be made under this subchapter, the Director shall by regulation define—

(1) the specific circumstances that constitute financial interests in such projects that will, or may be reasonably expected to, create a bias in favor of obtaining results in the projects that are consistent with such interests; and

(2) the actions that will be taken by the Director in response to any such interests identified by the Director.

#### **(b) Requirement of application**

The Director may not, with respect to any program under this subchapter authorizing the provision of grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts, provide any such financial assistance unless an application for the assistance is submitted to the Secretary and the application is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains such agreements, assurances, and information as the Director determines to be necessary to carry out the program involved.

#### **(c) Provision of supplies and services in lieu of funds**

##### **(1) In general**

Upon the request of an entity receiving a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this subchapter, the Secretary may, subject to paragraph (2), provide supplies, equipment, and services for the purpose of aiding the entity in carrying out the project involved and, for such purpose, may detail to the entity any officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.

##### **(2) Corresponding reduction in funds**

With respect to a request described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall reduce the amount of the financial assistance involved by an amount equal to the costs of detailing personnel and the fair market value of any supplies, equipment, or services provided by the

Director. The Secretary shall, for the payment of expenses incurred in complying with such request, expend the amounts withheld.

#### **(d) Applicability of certain provisions with respect to contracts**

Contracts may be entered into under this part without regard to section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31 and section 6101 of title 41.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 945, formerly § 925, as added Pub. L. 106-129, § 2(a), Dec. 6, 1999, 113 Stat. 1668; renumbered § 935, Pub. L. 109-41, § 2(a)(3), July 29, 2005, 119 Stat. 424; renumbered § 945, Pub. L. 111-148, title III, § 3013(a)(2), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 381.)

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#### **CODIFICATION**

In subsec. (d), “section 3324(a) and (b) of title 31 and section 6101 of title 41” substituted for “sections 3648 and 3709 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 529 and 41 U.S.C. 5)” on authority of Pub. L. 97-258, § 4(b), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1067, which Act enacted Title 31, Money and Finance, and Pub. L. 111-350, § 6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

#### **PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 299c-4, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IX, § 925, as added Pub. L. 101-239, title VI, § 6103(c), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2203; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, § 1723(a)(3)(B), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759, related to certain administrative authorities, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 106-129. See section 299c-5 of this title.

### **§ 299c-5. Certain administrative authorities**

#### **(a) Deputy director and other officers and employees**

##### **(1) Deputy director**

The Director may appoint a deputy director for the Agency.

##### **(2) Other officers and employees**

The Director may appoint and fix the compensation of such officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter. Except as otherwise provided by law, such officers and employees shall be appointed in accordance with the civil service laws and their compensation fixed in accordance with title 5.

#### **(b) Facilities**

The Secretary, in carrying out this subchapter—

(1) may acquire, without regard to section 8141 of title 40, by lease or otherwise through the Administrator of General Services, buildings or portions of buildings in the District of Columbia or communities located adjacent to the District of Columbia for use for a period not to exceed 10 years; and

(2) may acquire, construct, improve, repair, operate, and maintain laboratory, research, and other necessary facilities and equipment, and such other real or personal property (including patents) as the Secretary deems necessary.

#### **(c) Provision of financial assistance**

The Director, in carrying out this subchapter, may make grants to public and nonprofit enti-