

**§ 629k. Reduction of administrative burden****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall reduce the burden of administering this part imposed on the recipients of funds under this part, by—

(1) reviewing and revising administrative data collection instruments and forms to eliminate duplication and streamline reporting requirements for the recipients while collecting all data required under this part;

(2) in coordination with activities required under the Paperwork Reduction Act, conducting an analysis of the total number of hours reported by the recipients to comply with paperwork requirements and exploring, in consultation with the recipients, how to reduce the number of hours required for the compliance by at least 15 percent;

(3) collecting input from the recipients with respect to fiscal and oversight requirements and making changes to ensure consistency with standards and guidelines for other Federal formula grant programs based on the input; and

(4) respecting the sovereignty of Indian tribes when complying with this subsection.

**(b) Limitation on applicability**

Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any reporting or data collection otherwise required by law that would affect the ability of the Secretary to monitor and ensure compliance with State plans approved under this part or ensure that funds are expended consistent with this part.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, § 441, as added Pub. L. 118–258, title I, § 106(f)(1), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2952.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Paperwork Reduction Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), probably means chapter 35 (§ 3501 et seq.) of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents. See Short Title note set out under section 3501 of Title 44.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2025, and applicable to payments under this part for calendar quarters beginning on or after such date, with delay permitted if either State legislation or tribal action is required to meet additional requirements, see section 117 of Pub. L. 118–258, set out as an Effective Date of 2025 Amendment note under section 622 of this title.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Pub. L. 118–258, title I, § 106(f)(2), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2953, provided that: “Within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 4, 2025], the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

“(A) comply with section 441 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 629k], as added by the amendment made by paragraph (1); and

“(B) notify each recipient of funds under part B of title IV of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.] of any change made by the Secretary pursuant to such section affecting the recipient.”

**§ 629l. Public access to State plans**

The Secretary shall—

(1) create a standardized format for State plans required under sections 622 and 629b of this title used to monitor compliance with those sections;

(2) produce comparisons and analyses of trends in State plans to inform future technical assistance and policy development;

(3) make the State plans available on a public website; and

(4) include on the website aggregated national summaries of State submissions as the Secretary deems appropriate.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, § 442, as added Pub. L. 118–258, title I, § 106(f)(1), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2953.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2025, and applicable to payments under this part for calendar quarters beginning on or after such date, with delay permitted if either State legislation or tribal action is required to meet additional requirements, see section 117 of Pub. L. 118–258, set out as an Effective Date of 2025 Amendment note under section 622 of this title.

## SUBPART 3—COMMON PROVISIONS

**§ 629m. Data exchange standards for improved interoperability****(a) Designation**

The Secretary shall, in consultation with an interagency work group established by the Office of Management and Budget and considering State government perspectives, by rule, designate data exchange standards to govern, under this part and part E—

(1) necessary categories of information that State agencies operating programs under State plans approved under this part are required under applicable Federal law to electronically exchange with another State agency; and

(2) Federal reporting and data exchange required under applicable Federal law.

**(b) Requirements**

The data exchange standards required by paragraph (1) shall, to the extent practicable—

(1) incorporate a widely accepted, non-proprietary, searchable, computer-readable format, such as the Extensible Markup Language;

(2) contain interoperable standards developed and maintained by intergovernmental partnerships, such as the National Information Exchange Model;

(3) incorporate interoperable standards developed and maintained by Federal entities with authority over contracting and financial assistance;

(4) be consistent with and implement applicable accounting principles;

(5) be implemented in a manner that is cost-effective and improves program efficiency and effectiveness; and

(6) be capable of being continually upgraded as necessary.

**(c) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this subsection<sup>1</sup> shall be construed to require a change to existing data exchange standards found to be effective and efficient.

(Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §440, as added Pub. L. 112-34, title I, §105(a), Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 376; amended Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VII, §50771(a), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 267.)

## RENUMBERING OF SECTION

*Pub. L. 118-258, title I, §§106(f)(1), 117, Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2952, 2969, provided that, effective Oct. 1, 2025, and applicable to payments under this part for calendar quarters beginning on or after such date, with delay permitted if either State legislation or tribal action is required to meet additional requirements, this section is renumbered section 443 of act Aug. 14, 1935.*

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 440 of act Aug. 14, 1935, was classified to section 640 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-485.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-123 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section required Secretary of Health and Human Services to designate standard data elements for any category of information required to be reported under this part and designate data reporting standards to govern the reporting required under this part.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 112-34, title I, §105(b), Sept. 30, 2011, 125 Stat. 377, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2012, and shall apply with respect to information required to be reported on or after such date.”

## REGULATION

Pub. L. 115-123, div. E, title VII, §50771(b), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 268, provided that: “Not later than the date that is 24 months after the date of the enactment of this section [Feb. 9, 2018], the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue a proposed rule that—

“(1) identifies federally required data exchanges, include [sic] specification and timing of exchanges to be standardized, and address [sic] the factors used in determining whether and when to standardize data exchanges; and

“(2) specifies State implementation options and describes future milestones.”

**PART C—WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR RECIPIENTS OF AID UNDER STATE PLAN APPROVED UNDER PART A****§§ 630 to 632. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-485, title II, § 202(a), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2377**

Section 630, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §430, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 884; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(1), 85 Stat. 805, provided statement of purpose for work incentive program for recipients of aid under State plan approved under part A.

Section 631, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §431, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81

Stat. 884; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(2), 85 Stat. 805; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, §2663(j)(2)(B)(ii), 98 Stat. 1170, authorized appropriations.

Section 632, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §432, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 884; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(3), 85 Stat. 806; Oct. 13, 1982, Pub. L. 97-300, title V, §502(a), (b)(1), (c)(1), 96 Stat. 1397, 1398; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, §2663(k), 98 Stat. 1171, established work incentive programs.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1990, with provision for earlier effective dates in case of States making certain changes in their State plans and formally notifying the Secretary of Health and Human Services of their desire to become subject to the amendments by title II of Pub. L. 100-485, at such earlier effective dates, see section 204(a), (b)(1)(A), of Pub. L. 100-485, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 671 of this title.

**§ 632a. Omitted****Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 96-499, title IX, §966, Dec. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 2652; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXI, §2156, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 802; Pub. L. 97-123, §5, Dec. 29, 1981, 95 Stat. 1664; Pub. L. 102-54, §13(q)(4), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 280, required Secretary of Health and Human Services to enter into agreements with 7 to 12 States for the purpose of conducting demonstration projects of up to 4 years duration for the training and employment of eligible participants as homemakers or home health aides and required Secretary to submit to Congress annual reports and a final report 6 months after receiving final reports from all States.

**§§ 633 to 645. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-485, title II, § 202(a), Oct. 13, 1988, 102 Stat. 2377**

Section 633, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §433, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 885; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(4)(A)-(F), 85 Stat. 806, 807; Oct. 13, 1982, Pub. L. 97-300, title V, §502(b)(2), (c)(2), (3), 96 Stat. 1398; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, §2663(k), 98 Stat. 1171, related to operation of programs.

Section 634, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §434, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 887; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(4)(G), 85 Stat. 808; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, §2663(k), 98 Stat. 1171, related to incentive payments and allowances for transportation and other costs.

Section 635, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §435, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 887; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(5), 85 Stat. 808, limited Federal assistance.

Section 636, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §436, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 887; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(6), 85 Stat. 808; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title VI, §2663(j)(2)(B)(iii), 98 Stat. 1170, related to period of enrollment.

Section 637, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §437, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 887, related to relocation of participants.

Section 638, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §438, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81 Stat. 887; amended Dec. 28, 1971, Pub. L. 92-223, §3(b)(7), 85 Stat. 808, provided that participants in programs were not Federal employees.

Section 639, act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, §439, as added Jan. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-248, title II, §204(a), 81

<sup>1</sup> So in original.