

tutions in the United States for the purpose of encouraging and enhancing study in science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics disciplines at all levels of education.

**(2) Education partnership agreements**

**(A) Nature of assistance provided**

Under an education partnership agreement entered into with an educational institution under paragraph (1)(E), the Director may provide assistance to the educational institution by—

(i) loaning equipment to the educational institution for any purpose and duration in support of such agreement that the Director considers appropriate;

(ii) making personnel available to teach science courses or to assist in the development of science courses and materials for the educational institution;

(iii) providing sabbatical opportunities for faculty and internship opportunities for students;

(iv) involving faculty and students of the educational institution in Agency projects, including research and technology transfer or transition projects;

(v) cooperating with the educational institution in developing a program under which students may be given academic credit for work on Agency projects, including research and technology transfer for transition projects; and

(vi) providing academic and career advice and assistance to students of the educational institution.

**(B) Priorities**

In entering into education partnership agreements under paragraph (1)(E), the Director shall prioritize entering into education partnership agreements with the following:

(i) Historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, as described in section 1067q(a) of title 20.

(ii) Educational institutions serving women, members of minority groups, and other groups of individuals who traditionally are involved in the science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics professions in disproportionately low numbers.

**(d) Designation of advisor**

The Director shall designate one or more individuals within the Agency to advise and assist the Director regarding matters relating to science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics education and training.

(June 20, 1949, ch. 227, §25, as added Pub. L. 116-260, div. W, title V, §501, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2380.)

**§ 3527. Chaplain Corps and Chief of Chaplains**

**(a) Establishment of Chaplain Corps**

There is in the Agency a Chaplain Corps for the provision of spiritual or religious pastoral services.

**(b) Chief of Chaplains**

The head of the Chaplain Corps shall be the Chief of Chaplains, who shall be appointed by the Director.

**(c) Staff and administration**

**(1) Staff**

The Director may appoint and fix the compensation of such staff of the Chaplain Corps as the Director considers appropriate, except that the Director may not—

(A) appoint more than 10 full-time equivalent positions; or

(B) provide basic pay to any member of the staff of the Chaplain Corps at an annual rate of basic pay in excess of the maximum rate of basic pay for grade GS-15 as provided in section 5332 of title 5.

**(2) Administration**

The Director may—

(A) reimburse members of the staff of the Chaplain Corps for work-related travel expenses;

(B) provide security clearances to such members;

(C) furnish such physical workspace at the headquarters building of the Agency as the Director considers appropriate; and

(D) certify that all Chaplains meet common standards for professional chaplaincy and board certification by a national chaplaincy and pastoral care organization or equivalent.

(June 20, 1949, ch. 227, §26, as added Pub. L. 117-103, div. X, title IV, §411, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 976.)

**§ 3528. Compensation and professional standards for certain medical officers**

**(a) Office of Medical Services**

There is in the Agency an Office of Medical Services.

**(b) Compensation**

Beginning not later than 1 year after March 15, 2022, each medical officer of the Office of Medical Services who meets the qualifications under subsection (c) shall be compensated during a pay period pursuant to a pay range that is equal to the pay range published in the Federal Register pursuant to section 7431(e)(1)(C) of title 38 (for the corresponding pay period), for a physician in the Veterans Health Administration in the District of Columbia region with a medical subspecialty that is the equivalent of the medical subspecialty of the officer.

**(c) Clinical practice qualifications**

A medical officer meets the qualifications under this subsection if the officer provides direct care services to patients in connection with the official duties of the officer and—

(1) maintains current, active, full, and unrestricted licensure or registration as a physician from a State, the District of Columbia, or a commonwealth or territory of the United States;

(2) holds active board certification and maintains accreditation in an American Board of Medical Specialties direct care clinical specialty; and

(3) except as provided in subsection (d), maintains a minimum of 96 hours per year of clinical practice in an accredited clinic or hospital facility that is not affiliated with the Central Intelligence Agency.

**(d) Exception for overseas service**

If a medical officer is a medical officer located in a duty station outside of the United States pursuant to a permanent change of station and greater than 50 percent of the official duties of the officer in such duty station involve direct patient care, the officer, in lieu of performing the minimum hours under subsection (c)(3) on an annual basis, may count up to 480 hours of clinical practice performed as specified in such subsection prior to such change of station, to fulfill in advance the requirement under such subsection for up to 3 years.

**(e) Clinical practice hours**

The head of the Office of Medical Services shall make available to medical officers excused absence time to allow for the maintenance of clinical practice hours in accordance with subsection (c)(3).

(June 20, 1949, ch. 227, §27, as added Pub. L. 117-103, div. X, title VI, §601, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 991.)

**§ 3529. Medical advisory board**

**(a) Establishment**

The Director shall establish within the Agency a medical advisory board (in this section referred to as the “Board”).

**(b) Duties**

The Board shall—

(1) conduct a study on the Office of Medical Services of the Agency, and submit reports regarding such study, in accordance with subsection (c); and

(2) upon request, provide advice and guidance in connection with any independent review of the Office conducted by an inspector general.

**(c) Study**

**(1) Objectives**

In conducting the study under subsection (b)(1), the Board shall seek to—

(A) contribute to the modernization and reform of the Office of Medical Services;

(B) ensure that the activities of the Office are of the highest professional quality; and

(C) ensure that all medical care provided by the Office is provided in accordance with the highest professional medical standards.

**(2) Reports**

The Board shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, in writing—

(A) interim reports on the study; and

(B) a final report on the study, which shall—

(i) set forth in detail the findings of the study and the recommendations of the Board, based on such findings and taking into consideration the objectives under paragraph (1), regarding any changes to the activities of the Office of Medical Services; and

(ii) include, as applicable, any additional or dissenting views submitted by a member of the Board.

**(d) Membership**

**(1) Number and appointment**

The Board shall be composed of 9 members, appointed as follows:

(A) 1 member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(B) 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(C) 1 member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

(D) 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(E) 1 member appointed by the Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(F) 1 member appointed by the ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(G) 1 member appointed by the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(H) 1 member appointed by the Vice Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

(I) 1 member appointed by the Director of National Intelligence.

**(2) Chairperson**

During the first meeting under subsection (e)(1), the members of the Board shall elect a Chairperson of the Board. In addition to meeting the criteria under paragraph (3), the Chairperson may not be an employee, or former employee, of the Agency.

**(3) Criteria**

The members appointed under paragraph (1) shall meet the following criteria:

(A) Each member shall be a recognized expert in at least 1 medical field, as demonstrated by appropriate credentials.

(B) Each member shall possess significant and diverse medical experience, including clinical experience.

(C) Each member shall be eligible to hold an appropriate security clearance.

**(4) Terms**

**(A) In general**

Each member, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed or elected, as applicable, for the life of the Board.

**(B) Vacancies**

Any vacancy in the Board occurring prior to the expiration of the term under subparagraph (A) shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment or election was made.

**(5) Compensation and travel expenses**

**(A) Compensation**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each member of the Board, including the Chairperson, may be compensated at not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in effect for a position at