search related to causes, prevention, treatment, early screening, diagnosis or rule out, intervention, and access to services and supports for individuals with autism spectrum disorder;

(2) monitor Federal activities with respect to autism spectrum disorder;

(3) make recommendations to the Secretary regarding any appropriate changes to such activities, including recommendations to the Director of NIH with 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;

(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.

(c) Membership

(1) In general

The Committee shall be composed of—

(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 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;

(D) representatives of other Federal Governmental agencies that serve individuals with autism spectrum disorder such as the Department of Education; and

(E) the additional members appointed under paragraph (2).

(2) Additional members

Not fewer than 6 members of the Committee, or 1/3 of the total membership of the Committee, whichever is greater, shall be composed of non-Federal public members to be appointed by the Secretary, of which—

(A) at least one such member shall be an individual with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder;

(B) at least one such member shall be a parent or legal guardian of an individual with an autism spectrum disorder; and

(C) at least one such member shall be a representative of leading research, advocacy, and service organizations for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

(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) 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.

(3) 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.

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

(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, 2011, 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.)

§ 280i–3. Report to Congress

(a) In general

Not later than 4 years after December 19, 2006, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Education, shall prepare and submit to the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee of the Senate and the Energy and Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives a progress report on activities related to autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

(b) Contents

The report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain—

(1) a description of the progress made in implementing the provisions of the Combating Autism Act of 2006;

(2) a description of the amounts expended on the implementation of the particular provisions of Combating[1] Autism Act of 2006;

(3) information on the incidence of autism spectrum disorder and trend data of such incidence since December 19, 2006;

(4) 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 19, 2006;

(5) 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 19, 2006;

(6) 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 be-

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tween diagnosis and evidence-based intervention for individuals with autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities;

(7) information on the effectiveness and outcomes of interventions for individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, including by various subtypes, and other developmental disabilities and how the age of the child may affect such effectiveness;

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

(9) information on services and supports provided to individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities who have reached the age of majority (as defined for purposes of section 1415(m) of title 20).

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, § 399DD, as added Pub. L. 109–416, § 3(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2828.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Combating Autism Act of 2006, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), (2), is Pub. L. 109–416, Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2821. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2006 Amendment note set out under section 201 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

December 19, 2006, referred to in subsec. (b)(4), (5), was in the original ''the date of enactment of this Act'', which was translated as meaning the date of enactment of Pub. L. 109–416, which enacted this section, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 280i–4. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Developmental disabilities surveillance and research program

To carry out section 280i of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated the following:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, $15,000,000.
(2) For fiscal year 2008, $16,500,000.
(3) For fiscal year 2009, $18,000,000.
(4) For fiscal year 2010, $19,500,000.
(5) For fiscal year 2011, $21,000,000.

(b) Autism education, early detection, and intervention

To carry out section 280i–1 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated the following:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, $32,000,000.
(2) For fiscal year 2008, $37,000,000.
(3) For fiscal year 2009, $42,000,000.
(4) For fiscal year 2010, $47,000,000.
(5) For fiscal year 2011, $52,000,000.

(c) Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee; certain other programs

To carry out section[1] 280i–2, 284g, and section[2] 283j of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated the following:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, $100,000,000.
(2) For fiscal year 2008, $114,500,000.
(3) For fiscal year 2009, $129,000,000.
(4) For fiscal year 2010, $143,500,000.
(5) For fiscal year 2011, $158,000,000.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, § 399EE, as added Pub. L. 109–416, § 4(a), Dec. 19, 2006, 120 Stat. 2829.)

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PART S—HEALTH CARE QUALITY PROGRAMS

SUBPART I—NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN HEALTH CARE

CODIFICATION

Subpart is based on subpart I of part S of title III of act July 1, 1944, as added by Pub. L. 111–148, title III, § 3011, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 378. No subpart II has been enacted.

§ 280j. National strategy for quality improvement in health care

(a) Establishment of national strategy and priorities

(1) National strategy

The Secretary, through a transparent collaborative process, shall establish a national strategy to improve the delivery of health care services, patient health outcomes, and population health.

(2) Identification of priorities

(A) In general

The Secretary shall identify national priorities for improvement in developing the strategy under paragraph (1).

(B) Requirements

The Secretary shall ensure that priorities identified under subparagraph (A) will—

(i) have the greatest potential for improving the health outcomes, efficiency, and patient-centeredness of health care for all populations, including children and vulnerable populations;

(ii) identify areas in the delivery of health care services that have the potential for rapid improvement in the quality and efficiency of patient care;

(iii) address gaps in quality, efficiency, comparative effectiveness information (taking into consideration the limitations set forth in subsections (c) and (d) of section 1182 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1320e–1(c), (d)]), and health outcomes measures and data aggregation techniques;

(iv) improve Federal payment policy to emphasize quality and efficiency;

(v) enhance the use of health care data to improve quality, efficiency, transparency, and outcomes;

(vi) address the health care provided to patients with high-cost chronic diseases;

(vii) improve research and dissemination of strategies and best practices to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors, preventable admissions and readmissions, and health care-associated infections;

(viii) reduce health disparities across health disparity populations (as defined in section 285t[1] of this title) and geographic areas; and

[1] See References in Text note below.