

## Chapter 4

### Enhancing public health preparedness and response

#### **Sec. 2231. Centers for public health preparedness and response**

##### (a) In general

Section 319F of the Public Health Service Act (~~42 U.S.C. 247d–642 U.S.C. 247d–642 U.S.C. 247d–642 U.S.C. 247d–642 U.S.C. 247d–6~~) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

##### (d) Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response

###### (1) In general--

The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, may award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education, including accredited schools of public health, or other nonprofit private entities to establish or maintain a network of Centers for Public Health Preparedness and Response (referred to in this subsection as Centers).

###### (2) Eligibility—

To be eligible to receive an award under this subsection, an entity shall submit to the Secretary an application containing such information as the Secretary may require, including a description of how the entity will—

(A) coordinate relevant activities with applicable State, local, and Tribal health departments and officials, health care facilities, and health care coalitions to improve public health preparedness and response, as informed by the public health preparedness and response needs of the community, or communities, involved;

(B) prioritize efforts to implement evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to improve public health preparedness and response, including by helping to reduce the transmission of emerging infectious diseases; and

(C) use funds awarded under this subsection, including by carrying out any activities described in paragraph (3).

###### (3) Use of funds--

The Centers established or maintained under this subsection shall use funds awarded under this subsection to carry out activities to advance public health preparedness and response capabilities, which may include—

(A) identifying, translating, and disseminating promising research findings or strategies into evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to inform preparedness for, and responses to, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear threats, including emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies, which may include conducting research related to public health preparedness and response systems;

(B) improving awareness of such evidence-informed or evidence-based practices and other relevant scientific or public health information among health care professionals, public health professionals, other stakeholders, and the public, including through the development, evaluation, and dissemination of trainings and training materials, consistent with section 2802(b)(2), as applicable and appropriate, and with consideration given to existing training materials, to support preparedness for, and responses to, such threats;

(C) utilizing and expanding relevant technological and analytical capabilities to inform public health and medical preparedness and response efforts;

(D) expanding activities, including through public-private partnerships, related to public health preparedness and response, including participation in drills and exercises and training public health experts, as appropriate; and

(E) providing technical assistance and expertise that relies on evidence-based practices, as applicable, related to responses to public health emergencies, as appropriate, to State, local, and Tribal health departments and other entities pursuant to paragraph (2)(A).

(4) Distribution of awards--

In awarding grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements under this subsection, the Secretary shall support not fewer than 10 Centers, subject to the availability of appropriations, and ensure that such awards are equitably distributed among the geographical regions of the United States.

; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1)(C), by striking, of which \$5,000,000 shall be used to carry out paragraphs (3) through (5) of such subsection.

(b) Repeal

Section 319G of the Public Health Service Act (~~42 U.S.C. 247d–742 U.S.C. 247d–742 U.S.C. 247d–742 U.S.C. 247d–742 U.S.C. 247d–7~~) is repealed.