

SEC. 5104. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO ASSESS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE OF ALASKA.

[Section added by section 10501(b)]

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a task force to be known as the “Interagency Access to Health Care in Alaska Task Force” (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(b) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall—

(1) assess access to health care for beneficiaries of Federal health care systems in Alaska; and

(2) develop a strategy for the Federal Government to improve delivery of health care to Federal beneficiaries in the State of Alaska.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force shall be comprised of Federal members who shall be appointed, not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall appoint one representative of each of the following:

(A) The Department of Health and Human Services.

(B) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(C) The Indian Health Service.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall appoint one representative of the TRICARE Management Activity.

(3) The Secretary of the Army shall appoint one representative of the Army Medical Department.

(4) The Secretary of the Air Force shall appoint one representative of the Air Force, from among officers at the Air Force performing medical service functions.

(5) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall appoint one representative of each of the following:

(A) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

(B) The Veterans Health Administration.

(6) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall appoint one representative of the United States Coast Guard.

(d) CHAIRPERSON.—One chairperson of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Secretary at the time of appointment of members under subsection (c), selected from among the members appointed under paragraph (1).

(e) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

(f) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall submit to Congress a report detailing the activities of the Task Force and containing the findings, strategies, recommendations, policies, and initiatives developed pursuant to the duty described in subsection (b)(2). In preparing such report, the Task Force shall consider completed and ongoing efforts by Federal agencies to improve access to health care in the State of Alaska.

(g) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall be terminated on the date of submission of the report described in subsection (f).

Subtitle C—Increasing the Supply of the Health Care Workforce