

## 42 U.S. Code § 247b-23

## National strategy and regional centers of excellence in vectorborne diseases

## (a) In general

The Secretary shall—

(1)

- (A) ensure the development and implementation of a national strategy to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, that—
  - (i) identifies and assesses gaps and any unnecessary duplication in federally-funded programs; and
  - (ii) identifies strategic goals to address such diseases and appropriate benchmarks to measure progress toward achieving such goals; and
- (B) update such strategy, as appropriate; and
- (2) coordinate programs and activities, including related to data collection, research, and the development of diagnostics, treatments, vaccines, and other related activities, to address vector-borne diseases, including tick-borne diseases, across the Department of Health and Human Services and with other Federal agencies or departments, as appropriate.

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