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# 42 U.S. Code § 247d–7g

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## National Biodefense Science Board and working groups

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### **(a) In general**

#### **(1) Establishment and function**

The Secretary shall establish the National Biodefense Science Board (referred to in this section as the “Board”) to provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate.

#### **(2) Membership**

The membership of the Board shall be comprised of individuals who represent the Nation’s preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts, as follows—

- (A) such Federal officials as the Secretary may determine are necessary to support the functions of the Board;
- (B) four individuals representing the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and device industries;
- (C) four individuals representing academia; and
- (D) five other members as determined appropriate by the Secretary, of whom—
  - (i) one such member shall be a practicing healthcare professional;
  - (ii) one such member shall be an individual from an organization representing healthcare consumers;
  - (iii) one such member shall be an individual with pediatric subject matter expertise; and
  - (iv) one such member shall be a State, tribal, territorial, or local public health official.

Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a member of the Board from satisfying two or more of the requirements described in subparagraph (D).

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