
42 U.S. Code § 294i-1

Emergency department alternatives to opioids program

(a) Grant program

(1) In general

The Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall carry out a program for purposes of awarding grants to hospitals and emergency departments, including freestanding emergency departments, to develop, implement, enhance, or study alternatives to opioids for pain management in such settings.

(2) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1), a hospital or emergency department shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(3) Geographic distribution

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall seek to ensure geographical distribution among grant recipients.

(4) Use of funds

Grants under paragraph (1) shall be used to—

- (A) target treatment approaches for painful conditions frequently treated in such settings;
- (B) train providers and other hospital personnel on protocols or best practices related to the use and prescription of opioids and alternatives to opioids for pain management in the emergency department; and
- (C) develop or continue strategies to provide alternatives to opioids, as appropriate.

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