

1       ***Subtitle L—Maternal and Child***  
2                   ***Health Services***

3   **SEC. 2951. MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
4                   **HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.**

5       *Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et*  
6 *seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new*  
7 *section:*

8   **“SEC. 511. MATERNAL, INFANT, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**  
9                   **HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.**

10       “(a) *PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—*

11               “(1) *to strengthen and improve the programs*  
12 *and activities carried out under this title;*

13               “(2) *to improve coordination of services for at*  
14 *risk communities; and*

15               “(3) *to identify and provide comprehensive serv-*  
16 *ices to improve outcomes for families who reside in at*  
17 *risk communities.*

18       “(b) *REQUIREMENT FOR ALL STATES TO ASSESS*  
19 *STATEWIDE NEEDS AND IDENTIFY AT RISK COMMU-*  
20 *NITIES.—*

21               “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months*  
22 *after the date of enactment of this section, each State*  
23 *shall, as a condition of receiving payments from an*  
24 *allotment for the State under section 502 for fiscal*  
25 *year 2011, conduct a statewide needs assessment*

1       *(which shall be separate from the statewide needs as-*  
2       *essment required under section 505(a)) that identi-*  
3       *fies—*

4               “(A) *communities with concentrations of—*

5                       “(i) *premature birth, low-birth weight*  
6                       *infants, and infant mortality, including in-*  
7                       *fant death due to neglect, or other indica-*  
8                       *tors of at-risk prenatal, maternal, newborn,*  
9                       *or child health;*

10                      “(ii) *poverty;*

11                      “(iii) *crime;*

12                      “(iv) *domestic violence;*

13                      “(v) *high rates of high-school drop-*  
14                      *outs;*

15                      “(vi) *substance abuse;*

16                      “(vii) *unemployment; or*

17                      “(viii) *child maltreatment;*

18               “(B) *the quality and capacity of existing*  
19       *programs or initiatives for early childhood home*  
20       *visitation in the State including—*

21                      “(i) *the number and types of individ-*  
22                      *uals and families who are receiving services*  
23                      *under such programs or initiatives;*

24                      “(ii) *the gaps in early childhood home*  
25                      *visitation in the State; and*

1                   “(iii) the extent to which such pro-  
2                   grams or initiatives are meeting the needs  
3                   of eligible families described in subsection  
4                   (k)(2); and

5                   “(C) the State’s capacity for providing sub-  
6                   stance abuse treatment and counseling services to  
7                   individuals and families in need of such treat-  
8                   ment or services.

9                   “(2) COORDINATION WITH OTHER ASSESS-  
10                  MENTS.—In conducting the statewide needs assess-  
11                  ment required under paragraph (1), the State shall  
12                  coordinate with, and take into account, other appro-  
13                  priate needs assessments conducted by the State, as  
14                  determined by the Secretary, including the needs as-  
15                  sessment required under section 505(a) (both the most  
16                  recently completed assessment and any such assess-  
17                  ment in progress), the communitywide strategic plan-  
18                  ning and needs assessments conducted in accordance  
19                  with section 640(g)(1)(C) of the Head Start Act, and  
20                  the inventory of current unmet needs and current  
21                  community-based and prevention-focused programs  
22                  and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, and  
23                  other family resource services operating in the State  
24                  required under section 205(3) of the Child Abuse Pre-  
25                  vention and Treatment Act.

1           “(3) *SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY.*—*Each*  
2           *State shall submit to the Secretary, in such form and*  
3           *manner as the Secretary shall require—*

4                   “(A) *the results of the statewide needs as-*  
5                   *essment required under paragraph (1); and*

6                   “(B) *a description of how the State intends*  
7                   *to address needs identified by the assessment,*  
8                   *particularly with respect to communities identi-*  
9                   *fied under paragraph (1)(A), which may include*  
10                   *applying for a grant to conduct an early child-*  
11                   *hood home visitation program in accordance*  
12                   *with the requirements of this section.*

13           “(c) *GRANTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD HOME VISITA-*  
14           *TION PROGRAMS.*—

15                   “(1) *AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.*—*In addition*  
16                   *to any other payments made under this title to a*  
17                   *State, the Secretary shall make grants to eligible enti-*  
18                   *ties to enable the entities to deliver services under*  
19                   *early childhood home visitation programs that satisfy*  
20                   *the requirements of subsection (d) to eligible families*  
21                   *in order to promote improvements in maternal and*  
22                   *prenatal health, infant health, child health and devel-*  
23                   *opment, parenting related to child development out-*  
24                   *comes, school readiness, and the socioeconomic status*

1       of such families, and reductions in child abuse, ne-  
2       glect, and injuries.

3               “(2) *AUTHORITY TO USE INITIAL GRANT FUNDS*  
4       *FOR PLANNING OR IMPLEMENTATION.*—An eligible en-  
5       tity that receives a grant under paragraph (1) may  
6       use a portion of the funds made available to the enti-  
7       ty during the first 6 months of the period for which  
8       the grant is made for planning or implementation ac-  
9       tivities to assist with the establishment of early child-  
10      hood home visitation programs that satisfy the re-  
11      quirements of subsection (d).

12              “(3) *GRANT DURATION.*—The Secretary shall de-  
13      termine the period of years for which a grant is made  
14      to an eligible entity under paragraph (1).

15              “(4) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—The Secretary  
16      shall provide an eligible entity that receives a grant  
17      under paragraph (1) with technical assistance in ad-  
18      ministering programs or activities conducted in whole  
19      or in part with grant funds.

20              “(d) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The requirements of this sub-  
21      section for an early childhood home visitation program con-  
22      ducted with a grant made under this section are as follows:

23                      “(1) *QUANTIFIABLE, MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT*  
24      *IN BENCHMARK AREAS.*—

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The eligible entity es-*  
2           *tablishes, subject to the approval of the Secretary,*  
3           *quantifiable, measurable 3- and 5-year bench-*  
4           *marks for demonstrating that the program re-*  
5           *sults in improvements for the eligible families*  
6           *participating in the program in each of the fol-*  
7           *lowing areas:*

8                     “(i) *Improved maternal and newborn*  
9                     *health.*

10                    “(ii) *Prevention of child injuries, child*  
11                    *abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, and reduc-*  
12                    *tion of emergency department visits.*

13                    “(iii) *Improvement in school readiness*  
14                    *and achievement.*

15                    “(iv) *Reduction in crime or domestic*  
16                    *violence.*

17                    “(v) *Improvements in family economic*  
18                    *self-sufficiency.*

19                    “(vi) *Improvements in the coordina-*  
20                    *tion and referrals for other community re-*  
21                    *sources and supports.*

22           “(B) *DEMONSTRATION OF IMPROVEMENTS*  
23           *AFTER 3 YEARS.*—

24                    “(i) *REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.*—  
25                    *Not later than 30 days after the end of the*

1           3rd year in which the eligible entity con-  
2           ducts the program, the entity submits to the  
3           Secretary a report demonstrating improve-  
4           ment in at least 4 of the areas specified in  
5           subparagraph (A).

6           “(ii) *CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.*—If  
7           the report submitted by the eligible entity  
8           under clause (i) fails to demonstrate im-  
9           provement in at least 4 of the areas speci-  
10          fied in subparagraph (A), the entity shall  
11          develop and implement a plan to improve  
12          outcomes in each of the areas specified in  
13          subparagraph (A), subject to approval by  
14          the Secretary. The plan shall include provi-  
15          sions for the Secretary to monitor imple-  
16          mentation of the plan and conduct contin-  
17          ued oversight of the program, including  
18          through submission by the entity of regular  
19          reports to the Secretary.

20          “(iii) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—

21                 “(I) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary  
22                 shall provide an eligible entity re-  
23                 quired to develop and implement an  
24                 improvement plan under clause (ii)  
25                 with technical assistance to develop

1                    *and implement the plan. The Secretary*  
2                    *may provide the technical assistance*  
3                    *directly or through grants, contracts,*  
4                    *or cooperative agreements.*

5                    *“(II) ADVISORY PANEL.—The Sec-*  
6                    *retary shall establish an advisory*  
7                    *panel for purposes of obtaining rec-*  
8                    *ommendations regarding the technical*  
9                    *assistance provided to entities in ac-*  
10                   *cordance with subclause (I).*

11                   *“(iv) NO IMPROVEMENT OR FAILURE*  
12                   *TO SUBMIT REPORT.—If the Secretary de-*  
13                   *termines after a period of time specified by*  
14                   *the Secretary that an eligible entity imple-*  
15                   *menting an improvement plan under clause*  
16                   *(ii) has failed to demonstrate any improve-*  
17                   *ment in the areas specified in subparagraph*  
18                   *(A), or if the Secretary determines that an*  
19                   *eligible entity has failed to submit the re-*  
20                   *port required under clause (i), the Secretary*  
21                   *shall terminate the entity’s grant and may*  
22                   *include any unexpended grant funds in*  
23                   *grants made to nonprofit organizations*  
24                   *under subsection (h)(2)(B).*

1           “(C) *FINAL REPORT.*—Not later than De-  
2           cember 31, 2015, the eligible entity shall submit  
3           a report to the Secretary demonstrating improve-  
4           ments (if any) in each of the areas specified in  
5           subparagraph (A).

6           “(2) *IMPROVEMENTS IN OUTCOMES FOR INDI-*  
7           *VIDUAL FAMILIES.*—

8           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The program is de-  
9           signed, with respect to an eligible family partici-  
10          pating in the program, to result in the partici-  
11          pant outcomes described in subparagraph (B)  
12          that the eligible entity identifies on the basis of  
13          an individualized assessment of the family, are  
14          relevant for that family.

15          “(B) *PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES.*—The partici-  
16          pant outcomes described in this subparagraph  
17          are the following:

18                 “(i) *Improvements in prenatal, mater-*  
19                 *nal, and newborn health, including im-*  
20                 *proved pregnancy outcomes*

21                 “(ii) *Improvements in child health and*  
22                 *development, including the prevention of*  
23                 *child injuries and maltreatment and im-*  
24                 *provements in cognitive, language, social-*

1                   *emotional, and physical developmental indi-*  
2                   *cators.*

3                   “(iii) *Improvements in parenting*  
4                   *skills.*

5                   “(iv) *Improvements in school readiness*  
6                   *and child academic achievement.*

7                   “(v) *Reductions in crime or domestic*  
8                   *violence.*

9                   “(vi) *Improvements in family eco-*  
10                  *nom ic self-sufficiency.*

11                  “(vii) *Improvements in the coordina-*  
12                  *tion of referrals for, and the provision of,*  
13                  *other community resources and supports for*  
14                  *eligible families, consistent with State child*  
15                  *welfare agency training.*

16                  “(3) *CORE COMPONENTS.—The program includes*  
17                  *the following core components:*

18                  “(A) *SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL OR MOD-*  
19                  *ELS.—*

20                  “(i) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause*  
21                  *(ii), the program is conducted using 1 or*  
22                  *more of the service delivery models described*  
23                  *in item (aa) or (bb) of subclause (I) or in*  
24                  *subclause (II) selected by the eligible entity:*

1           “(I) *The model conforms to a*  
2           *clear consistent home visitation model*  
3           *that has been in existence for at least*  
4           *3 years and is research-based, ground-*  
5           *ed in relevant empirically-based knowl-*  
6           *edge, linked to program determined*  
7           *outcomes, associated with a national*  
8           *organization or institution of higher*  
9           *education that has comprehensive home*  
10           *visitation program standards that en-*  
11           *sure high quality service delivery and*  
12           *continuous program quality improve-*  
13           *ment, and has demonstrated signifi-*  
14           *cant, (and in the case of the service de-*  
15           *livery model described in item (aa),*  
16           *sustained) positive outcomes, as de-*  
17           *scribed in the benchmark areas speci-*  
18           *fied in paragraph (1)(A) and the par-*  
19           *ticipant outcomes described in para-*  
20           *graph (2)(B), when evaluated using*  
21           *well-designed and rigorous—*

22                   “(aa) *randomized controlled*  
23                   *research designs, and the evalua-*  
24                   *tion results have been published in*  
25                   *a peer-reviewed journal; or*

1                   “(bb) *quasi-experimental re-*  
2                   *search designs.*

3                   “(II) *The model conforms to a*  
4                   *promising and new approach to*  
5                   *achieving the benchmark areas speci-*  
6                   *fied in paragraph (1)(A) and the par-*  
7                   *ticipant outcomes described in para-*  
8                   *graph (2)(B), has been developed or*  
9                   *identified by a national organization*  
10                   *or institution of higher education, and*  
11                   *will be evaluated through well-designed*  
12                   *and rigorous process.*

13                   “(ii) *MAJORITY OF GRANT FUNDS*  
14                   *USED FOR EVIDENCE-BASED MODELS.—An*  
15                   *eligible entity shall use not more than 25*  
16                   *percent of the amount of the grant paid to*  
17                   *the entity for a fiscal year for purposes of*  
18                   *conducting a program using the service de-*  
19                   *livery model described in clause (i)(II).*

20                   “(iii) *CRITERIA FOR EVIDENCE OF EF-*  
21                   *ECTIVENESS OF MODELS.—The Secretary*  
22                   *shall establish criteria for evidence of effec-*  
23                   *tiveness of the service delivery models and*  
24                   *shall ensure that the process for establishing*

1           *the criteria is transparent and provides the*  
2           *opportunity for public comment.*

3           “(B) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.*—

4                   “(i) *The program adheres to a clear,*  
5                   *consistent model that satisfies the require-*  
6                   *ments of being grounded in empirically-*  
7                   *based knowledge related to home visiting*  
8                   *and linked to the benchmark areas specified*  
9                   *in paragraph (1)(A) and the participant*  
10                  *outcomes described in paragraph (2)(B) re-*  
11                  *lated to the purposes of the program.*

12                  “(ii) *The program employs well-*  
13                  *trained and competent staff, as dem-*  
14                  *onstrated by education or training, such as*  
15                  *nurses, social workers, educators, child de-*  
16                  *velopment specialists, or other well-trained*  
17                  *and competent staff, and provides ongoing*  
18                  *and specific training on the model being de-*  
19                  *livered.*

20                  “(iii) *The program maintains high*  
21                  *quality supervision to establish home visitor*  
22                  *competencies.*

23                  “(iv) *The program demonstrates strong*  
24                  *organizational capacity to implement the*  
25                  *activities involved.*

1           “(v) *The program establishes appro-*  
2           *priate linkages and referral networks to*  
3           *other community resources and supports for*  
4           *eligible families.*

5           “(vi) *The program monitors the fidel-*  
6           *ity of program implementation to ensure*  
7           *that services are delivered pursuant to the*  
8           *specified model.*

9           “(4) *PRIORITY FOR SERVING HIGH-RISK POPU-*  
10          *LATIONS.—The eligible entity gives priority to pro-*  
11          *viding services under the program to the following:*

12           “(A) *Eligible families who reside in commu-*  
13           *nities in need of such services, as identified in*  
14           *the statewide needs assessment required under*  
15           *subsection (b)(1)(A).*

16           “(B) *Low-income eligible families.*

17           “(C) *Eligible families who are pregnant*  
18           *women who have not attained age 21.*

19           “(D) *Eligible families that have a history of*  
20           *child abuse or neglect or have had interactions*  
21           *with child welfare services.*

22           “(E) *Eligible families that have a history of*  
23           *substance abuse or need substance abuse treat-*  
24           *ment.*

1           “(F) *Eligible families that have users of to-*  
2           *bacco products in the home.*

3           “(G) *Eligible families that are or have chil-*  
4           *dren with low student achievement.*

5           “(H) *Eligible families with children with*  
6           *developmental delays or disabilities.*

7           “(I) *Eligible families who, or that include*  
8           *individuals who, are serving or formerly served*  
9           *in the Armed Forces, including such families*  
10          *that have members of the Armed Forces who have*  
11          *had multiple deployments outside of the United*  
12          *States.*

13          “(e) *APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—An eligible entity*  
14          *desiring a grant under this section shall submit an applica-*  
15          *tion to the Secretary for approval, in such manner as the*  
16          *Secretary may require, that includes the following:*

17                 “(1) *A description of the populations to be served*  
18                 *by the entity, including specific information regard-*  
19                 *ing how the entity will serve high risk populations de-*  
20                 *scribed in subsection (d)(4).*

21                 “(2) *An assurance that the entity will give pri-*  
22                 *ority to serving low-income eligible families and eligi-*  
23                 *ble families who reside in at risk communities identi-*  
24                 *fied in the statewide needs assessment required under*  
25                 *subsection (b)(1)(A).*

1           “(3) *The service delivery model or models de-*  
2 *scribed in subsection (d)(3)(A) that the entity will use*  
3 *under the program and the basis for the selection of*  
4 *the model or models.*

5           “(4) *A statement identifying how the selection of*  
6 *the populations to be served and the service delivery*  
7 *model or models that the entity will use under the*  
8 *program for such populations is consistent with the*  
9 *results of the statewide needs assessment conducted*  
10 *under subsection (b).*

11           “(5) *The quantifiable, measurable benchmarks es-*  
12 *tablished by the State to demonstrate that the pro-*  
13 *gram contributes to improvements in the areas speci-*  
14 *fied in subsection (d)(1)(A).*

15           “(6) *An assurance that the entity will obtain*  
16 *and submit documentation or other appropriate evi-*  
17 *dence from the organization or entity that developed*  
18 *the service delivery model or models used under the*  
19 *program to verify that the program is implemented*  
20 *and services are delivered according to the model spec-*  
21 *ifications.*

22           “(7) *Assurances that the entity will establish*  
23 *procedures to ensure that—*

24                   “(A) *the participation of each eligible fam-*  
25 *ily in the program is voluntary; and*

1           “(B) services are provided to an eligible  
2           family in accordance with the individual assess-  
3           ment for that family.

4           “(8) Assurances that the entity will—

5           “(A) submit annual reports to the Secretary  
6           regarding the program and activities carried out  
7           under the program that include such information  
8           and data as the Secretary shall require; and

9           “(B) participate in, and cooperate with,  
10          data and information collection necessary for the  
11          evaluation required under subsection (g)(2) and  
12          other research and evaluation activities carried  
13          out under subsection (h)(3).

14          “(9) A description of other State programs that  
15          include home visitation services, including, if appli-  
16          cable to the State, other programs carried out under  
17          this title with funds made available from allotments  
18          under section 502(c), programs funded under title IV,  
19          title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment  
20          Act (relating to community-based grants for the pre-  
21          vention of child abuse and neglect), and section 645A  
22          of the Head Start Act (relating to Early Head Start  
23          programs).

24          “(10) Other information as required by the Sec-  
25          retary.

1       “(f) *MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.*—*Funds provided to*  
2 *an eligible entity receiving a grant under this section shall*  
3 *supplement, and not supplant, funds from other sources for*  
4 *early childhood home visitation programs or initiatives.*

5       “(g) *EVALUATION.*—

6               “(1) *INDEPENDENT, EXPERT ADVISORY PANEL.*—  
7 *The Secretary, in accordance with subsection*  
8 *(h)(1)(A), shall appoint an independent advisory*  
9 *panel consisting of experts in program evaluation*  
10 *and research, education, and early childhood develop-*  
11 *ment—*

12                       “(A) *to review, and make recommendations*  
13 *on, the design and plan for the evaluation re-*  
14 *quired under paragraph (2) within 1 year after*  
15 *the date of enactment of this section;*

16                       “(B) *to maintain and advise the Secretary*  
17 *regarding the progress of the evaluation; and*

18                       “(C) *to comment, if the panel so desires, on*  
19 *the report submitted under paragraph (3).*

20               “(2) *AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT EVALUATION.*—*On*  
21 *the basis of the recommendations of the advisory*  
22 *panel under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, by*  
23 *grant, contract, or interagency agreement, conduct an*  
24 *evaluation of the statewide needs assessments sub-*  
25 *mitted under subsection (b) and the grants made*

1        *under subsections (c) and (h)(3)(B). The evaluation*  
2        *shall include—*

3                *“(A) an analysis, on a State-by-State basis,*  
4                *of the results of such assessments, including indi-*  
5                *cators of maternal and prenatal health and in-*  
6                *fant health and mortality, and State actions in*  
7                *response to the assessments; and*

8                *“(B) an assessment of—*

9                        *“(i) the effect of early childhood home*  
10                        *visitation programs on child and parent*  
11                        *outcomes, including with respect to each of*  
12                        *the benchmark areas specified in subsection*  
13                        *(d)(1)(A) and the participant outcomes de-*  
14                        *scribed in subsection (d)(2)(B);*

15                        *“(ii) the effectiveness of such programs*  
16                        *on different populations, including the ex-*  
17                        *tent to which the ability of programs to im-*  
18                        *prove participant outcomes varies across*  
19                        *programs and populations; and*

20                        *“(iii) the potential for the activities*  
21                        *conducted under such programs, if scaled*  
22                        *broadly, to improve health care practices,*  
23                        *eliminate health disparities, and improve*  
24                        *health care system quality, efficiencies, and*  
25                        *reduce costs.*

1           “(3) *REPORT.*—Not later than March 31, 2015,  
2           the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the  
3           results of the evaluation conducted under paragraph  
4           (2) and shall make the report publicly available.

5           “(h) *OTHER PROVISIONS.*—

6           “(1) *INTRA-AGENCY COLLABORATION.*—The Sec-  
7           retary shall ensure that the Maternal and Child  
8           Health Bureau and the Administration for Children  
9           and Families collaborate with respect to carrying out  
10          this section, including with respect to—

11                   “(A) reviewing and analyzing the statewide  
12                   needs assessments required under subsection (b),  
13                   the awarding and oversight of grants awarded  
14                   under this section, the establishment of the advi-  
15                   sory panels required under subsections  
16                   (d)(1)(B)(iii)(II) and (g)(1), and the evaluation  
17                   and report required under subsection (g); and

18                   “(B) consulting with other Federal agencies  
19                   with responsibility for administering or evalu-  
20                   ating programs that serve eligible families to co-  
21                   ordinate and collaborate with respect to research  
22                   related to such programs and families, including  
23                   the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning  
24                   and Evaluation of the Department of Health and  
25                   Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control

1           *and Prevention, the National Institute of Child*  
2           *Health and Human Development of the National*  
3           *Institutes of Health, the Office of Juvenile Jus-*  
4           *tice and Delinquency Prevention of the Depart-*  
5           *ment of Justice, and the Institute of Education*  
6           *Sciences of the Department of Education.*

7           “(2) *GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES THAT ARE*  
8           *NOT STATES.—*

9                   “(A) *INDIAN TRIBES, TRIBAL ORGANIZA-*  
10            *TIONS, OR URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS.—The*  
11            *Secretary shall specify requirements for eligible*  
12            *entities that are Indian Tribes (or a consortium*  
13            *of Indian Tribes), Tribal Organizations, or*  
14            *Urban Indian Organizations to apply for and*  
15            *conduct an early childhood home visitation pro-*  
16            *gram with a grant under this section. Such re-*  
17            *quirements shall, to the greatest extent prac-*  
18            *ticable, be consistent with the requirements ap-*  
19            *plicable to eligible entities that are States and*  
20            *shall require an Indian Tribe (or consortium),*  
21            *Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organi-*  
22            *zation to—*

23                    “(i) *conduct a needs assessment simi-*  
24                    *lar to the assessment required for all States*  
25                    *under subsection (b); and*

1                   “(i) establish quantifiable, measurable  
2                   3- and 5-year benchmarks consistent with  
3                   subsection (d)(1)(A).

4                   “(B) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—If, as of  
5                   the beginning of fiscal year 2012, a State has not  
6                   applied or been approved for a grant under this  
7                   section, the Secretary may use amounts appro-  
8                   priated under paragraph (1) of subsection (j)  
9                   that are available for expenditure under para-  
10                  graph (3) of that subsection to make a grant to  
11                  an eligible entity that is a nonprofit organiza-  
12                  tion described in subsection (k)(1)(B) to conduct  
13                  an early childhood home visitation program in  
14                  the State. The Secretary shall specify the require-  
15                  ments for such an organization to apply for and  
16                  conduct the program which shall, to the greatest  
17                  extent practicable, be consistent with the require-  
18                  ments applicable to eligible entities that are  
19                  States and shall require the organization to—

20                         “(i) carry out the program based on  
21                         the needs assessment conducted by the State  
22                         under subsection (b); and

23                         “(ii) establish quantifiable, measurable  
24                         3- and 5-year benchmarks consistent with  
25                         subsection (d)(1)(A).

1           “(3) *RESEARCH AND OTHER EVALUATION ACTIVI-*  
2           *TIES.*—

3                   “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall*  
4                   *carry out a continuous program of research and*  
5                   *evaluation activities in order to increase knowl-*  
6                   *edge about the implementation and effectiveness*  
7                   *of home visiting programs, using random assign-*  
8                   *ment designs to the maximum extent feasible.*  
9                   *The Secretary may carry out such activities di-*  
10                   *rectly, or through grants, cooperative agreements,*  
11                   *or contracts.*

12                   “(B) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Secretary shall*  
13                   *ensure that—*

14                           “(i) *evaluation of a specific program*  
15                           *or project is conducted by persons or indi-*  
16                           *viduals not directly involved in the oper-*  
17                           *ation of such program or project; and*

18                           “(ii) *the conduct of research and eval-*  
19                           *uation activities includes consultation with*  
20                           *independent researchers, State officials, and*  
21                           *developers and providers of home visiting*  
22                           *programs on topics including research de-*  
23                           *sign and administrative data matching.*

24                   “(4) *REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION.*—*Not later*  
25                   *than December 31, 2015, the Secretary shall submit*

1 a report to Congress regarding the programs con-  
2 ducted with grants under this section. The report re-  
3 quired under this paragraph shall include—

4 “(A) information regarding the extent to  
5 which eligible entities receiving grants under this  
6 section demonstrated improvements in each of  
7 the areas specified in subsection (d)(1)(A);

8 “(B) information regarding any technical  
9 assistance provided under subsection  
10 (d)(1)(B)(iii)(I), including the type of any such  
11 assistance provided; and

12 “(C) recommendations for such legislative  
13 or administrative action as the Secretary deter-  
14 mines appropriate.

15 “(i) *APPLICATION OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE.*—

16 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided in para-  
17 graph (2), the other provisions of this title shall not  
18 apply to a grant made under this section.

19 “(2) *EXCEPTIONS.*—The following provisions of  
20 this title shall apply to a grant made under this sec-  
21 tion to the same extent and in the same manner as  
22 such provisions apply to allotments made under sec-  
23 tion 502(e):

1           “(A) Section 504(b)(6) (relating to prohibi-  
2           tion on payments to excluded individuals and  
3           entities).

4           “(B) Section 504(c) (relating to the use of  
5           funds for the purchase of technical assistance).

6           “(C) Section 504(d) (relating to a limita-  
7           tion on administrative expenditures).

8           “(D) Section 506 (relating to reports and  
9           audits), but only to the extent determined by the  
10          Secretary to be appropriate for grants made  
11          under this section.

12          “(E) Section 507 (relating to penalties for  
13          false statements).

14          “(F) Section 508 (relating to non-  
15          discrimination).

16          “(G) Section 509(a) (relating to the admin-  
17          istration of the grant program).

18          “(j) APPROPRIATIONS.—

19                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Out of any funds in the  
20                 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are ap-  
21                 propriated to the Secretary to carry out this section—

22                         “(A) \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2010;

23                         “(B) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

24                         “(C) \$350,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

25                         “(D) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2013; and

1                   “(E) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

2                   “(2) *RESERVATIONS.*—Of the amount appro-  
3                   priated under this subsection for a fiscal year, the  
4                   Secretary shall reserve—

5                   “(A) 3 percent of such amount for purposes  
6                   of making grants to eligible entities that are In-  
7                   dian Tribes (or a consortium of Indian Tribes),  
8                   Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organi-  
9                   zations; and

10                   “(B) 3 percent of such amount for purposes  
11                   of carrying out subsections (d)(1)(B)(iii), (g),  
12                   and (h)(3).

13                   “(3) *AVAILABILITY.*—Funds made available to  
14                   an eligible entity under this section for a fiscal year  
15                   shall remain available for expenditure by the eligible  
16                   entity through the end of the second succeeding fiscal  
17                   year after award. Any funds that are not expended by  
18                   the eligible entity during the period in which the  
19                   funds are available under the preceding sentence may  
20                   be used for grants to nonprofit organizations under  
21                   subsection (h)(2)(B).

22                   “(k) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

23                   “(1) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—

24                   “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The term ‘eligible enti-  
25                   ty’ means a State, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Or-

1            *ganization, or Urban Indian Organization,*  
2            *Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, the*  
3            *Northern Mariana Islands, and American*  
4            *Samoa.*

5            “(B) *NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.*—*Only*  
6            *for purposes of awarding grants under subsection*  
7            *(h)(2)(B), such term shall include a nonprofit*  
8            *organization with an established record of pro-*  
9            *viding early childhood home visitation programs*  
10           *or initiatives in a State or several States.*

11           “(2) *ELIGIBLE FAMILY.*—*The term ‘eligible fam-*  
12           *ily’ means—*

13                  “(A) *a woman who is pregnant, and the fa-*  
14                  *ther of the child if the father is available; or*

15                  “(B) *a parent or primary caregiver of a*  
16                  *child, including grandparents or other relatives*  
17                  *of the child, and foster parents, who are serving*  
18                  *as the child’s primary caregiver from birth to*  
19                  *kindergarten entry, and including a noncusto-*  
20                  *dial parent who has an ongoing relationship*  
21                  *with, and at times provides physical care for, the*  
22                  *child.*

23                  “(3) *INDIAN TRIBE; TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.*—*The*  
24                  *terms ‘Indian Tribe’ and ‘Tribal Organization’, and*  
25                  *‘Urban Indian Organization’ have the meanings*

1        *given such terms in section 4 of the Indian Health*  
2        *Care Improvement Act.”.*

3    **SEC. 2952. SUPPORT, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH FOR**  
4        **POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION.**

5        *(a) RESEARCH ON POSTPARTUM CONDITIONS.—*

6            *(1) EXPANSION AND INTENSIFICATION OF ACTIVI-*  
7        *TIES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services*  
8        *(in this subsection and subsection (c) referred to as*  
9        *the “Secretary”) is encouraged to continue activities*  
10       *on postpartum depression or postpartum psychosis*  
11       *(in this subsection and subsection (c) referred to as*  
12       *“postpartum conditions”), including research to ex-*  
13       *pend the understanding of the causes of, and treat-*  
14       *ments for, postpartum conditions. Activities under*  
15       *this paragraph shall include conducting and sup-*  
16       *porting the following:*

17            *(A) Basic research concerning the etiology*  
18        *and causes of the conditions.*

19            *(B) Epidemiological studies to address the*  
20        *frequency and natural history of the conditions*  
21        *and the differences among racial and ethnic*  
22        *groups with respect to the conditions.*

23            *(C) The development of improved screening*  
24        *and diagnostic techniques.*