

APPENDIX A

LEGISLATION FOR THE NINTH SCOPE OF WORK QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

PROGRAM EVALUATION

RELEVANT LEGISLATION FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Section 1154(a)(8). The organization shall perform such duties and functions and assume such responsibilities and comply with such other requirements as may be required by this part or under regulations of the Secretary promulgated to carry out the provisions of this part or as may be required to carry out section 1862(a)(15).

Section 1154(a)(10). The organization shall coordinate activities, including information exchanges, which are consistent with economical and efficient operation of programs among appropriate public and private agencies or organizations including—

- (A) agencies under contract pursuant to sections 1816 and 1842 of this Act;
- (B) other peer review organizations having contracts under this part; and
- (C) other public or private review organizations as may be appropriate.

Section 1156(a). It shall be the obligation of any health care practitioner and any other person (including a hospital or other health care facility, organization, or agency) who provides health care services for which payment may be made (in whole or in part) under this Act, to assure, to the extent of his authority that services or items ordered or provided by such practitioner or person to beneficiaries and recipients under this Act—

- (1) will be provided economically and only when, and to the extent, medically necessary;
- (2) will be of a quality which meets professionally recognized standards of health care; and
- (3) will be supported by evidence of medical necessity and quality in such form and fashion and at such time as may reasonably be required by a reviewing peer review organization in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities.

Section 1156(c). It shall be the duty of each utilization and quality control peer review organization to use such authority or influence it may possess as a professional organization, and to enlist the support of any other professional or governmental organization having influence or authority over health care practitioners and any other person (including a hospital or other health care facility, organization, or agency) providing health care services in the area served by such review organization, in assuring that each practitioner or person (referred to in subsection (a)) providing health care services in such area shall comply with all obligations imposed on him under subsection (a).

Section 1862(g). The Secretary shall, in making the determinations under paragraphs (1) and (9) of subsection (a), and for the purposes of promoting the effective, efficient, and economical delivery of health care services, and of promoting the quality of services of the type for which payment may be made under this title, enter into contracts with utilization and quality control peer review organizations pursuant to part B of title XI of this Act.