

- “(k) EVALUATION.—
- Deadlines. “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the evidence-based benchmarks and objective standards required under subsection (g). Such evaluation shall be submitted to the congressional committees of jurisdiction together with the National Health Security Strategy under section 2802, at such time as such strategy is submitted.
- “(2) CONTENT.—The evaluation under this paragraph shall include—
- Review. “(A) a review of evidence-based benchmarks and objective standards, and associated metrics and targets;
- “(B) a discussion of changes to any evidence-based benchmarks and objective standards, and the effect of such changes on the ability to track whether entities are meeting or making progress toward the goals under this section and, to the extent practicable, the applicable goals of the National Health Security Strategy under section 2802;
- “(C) a description of amounts received by eligible entities described in subsection (b) and section 319C–2(b), and amounts received by subrecipients and the effect of such funding on meeting evidence-based benchmarks and objective standards; and
- Recommendations. “(D) recommendations, as applicable and appropriate, to improve evidence-based benchmarks and objective standards to more accurately assess the ability of entities receiving awards under this section to better achieve the goals under this section and section 2802.”
- (b) EVALUATING THE PARTNERSHIP FOR STATE AND REGIONAL HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS.—Section 319C–2(i)(1) (42 U.S.C. 247–3b(i)(1)) is amended by striking “section 319C–1(g), (i), and (j)” and inserting “section 319C–1(g), (i), (j), and (k)”.
- SEC. 202. AMENDMENTS TO PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PROGRAMS.**
- (a) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVING STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY.—Section 319C–1 (42 U.S.C. 247d–3a) is amended—
- (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,” after “the Secretary”; and
- (2) in subsection (b)(2)(A)—
- (A) in clause (vi), by inserting “, including public health agencies with specific expertise that may be relevant to public health security, such as environmental health agencies,” after “stakeholders”;
- (B) by redesignating clauses (vii) through (ix) as clauses (viii) through (x);
- (C) by inserting after clause (vi) the following:
- “(vii) a description of how, as applicable, such entity may integrate information to account for individuals with behavioral health needs following a public health emergency;”;
- (D) in clause (ix), as so redesignated, by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon; and