

## **SEC. 6064. DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS.**

Section 501 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(c)(1)(A) For the purpose of enabling the Secretary (through grants, contracts, or otherwise) to provide for special projects of regional and national significance for the development and support of family-to-family health information centers described in paragraph (2), there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated--

- `(i) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;
- `(ii) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2008; and
- `(iii) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

`(B) Funds appropriated or authorized to be appropriated under subparagraph (A) shall--

- `(i) be in addition to amounts appropriated under subsection (a) and retained under section 502(a)(1) for the purpose of carrying out activities described in subsection (a)(2); and
- `(ii) remain available until expended.

`(2) The family-to-family health information centers described in this paragraph are centers that--

- `(A) assist families of children with disabilities or special health care needs to make informed choices about health care in order to promote good treatment decisions, cost-effectiveness, and improved health outcomes for such children;
- `(B) provide information regarding the health care needs of, and resources available for, such children;
- `(C) identify successful health delivery models for such children;
- `(D) develop with representatives of health care providers, managed care organizations, health care purchasers, and appropriate State agencies, a model for collaboration between families of such children and health professionals;
- `(E) provide training and guidance regarding caring for such children;
- `(F) conduct outreach activities to the families of such children, health professionals, schools, and other appropriate entities and individuals; and
- `(G) are staffed--
  - `(i) by such families who have expertise in Federal and State public and private health care systems; and
  - `(ii) by health professionals.

`(3) The Secretary shall develop family-to-family health information centers described in paragraph (2) in accordance with the following:

- `(A) With respect to fiscal year 2007, such centers shall be developed in not less than 25 States.

`(B) With respect to fiscal year 2008, such centers shall be developed in not less than 40 States.

`(C) With respect to fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, such centers shall be developed in all States.

`(4) The provisions of this title that are applicable to the funds made available to the Secretary under section 502(a)(1) apply in the same manner to funds made available to the Secretary under paragraph (1)(A).

`(5) For purposes of this subsection, the term `State' means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.'