



1 **“SEC. 1711. OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL NURSE.**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within  
4 the Public Health Service an office to be known as  
5 the Office of the National Nurse, which shall be  
6 headed by a registered nurse, appointed by the Sec-  
7 retary, serving in a full-time position to be known as  
8 the National Nurse.

9 “(2) PROCEDURE.—Except for the initial ap-  
10 pointment of the National Nurse under paragraph  
11 (3), the Secretary shall appoint the National Nurse  
12 in accordance with Commissioned Corps Instruction  
13 CC23.4.6 (relating to Chief Professional Officer  
14 Nominations), as in effect on February 13, 2008.

15 “(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—Not later than  
16 30 days after the date of enactment of this section,  
17 the Secretary shall appoint the individual serving as  
18 the Chief Nurse Officer of the Public Health Service  
19 as of the date of the enactment of this section as the  
20 first National Nurse.

21 “(b) RANK AND GRADE.—The National Nurse shall  
22 have the same rank and grade as the Deputy Surgeon  
23 General of the Public Health Service.

24 “(c) DUTIES.—The National Nurse shall carry out  
25 the following:

1           “(1) Provide leadership and coordination of  
2           Public Health Service nursing professional affairs  
3           for the Office of the Surgeon General and other  
4           agencies of the Public Health Service, including pro-  
5           viding representation for the Government of the  
6           United States at the Global Forum for Government  
7           Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers and serving as  
8           a member of the Federal Nursing Service Council.

9           “(2) Represent the Surgeon General and the  
10          agencies of Public Health Service in communications  
11          with groups and societies concerned with nursing  
12          issues at the local, State, national, and international  
13          levels.

14          “(3) Provide guidance and advice to the Sur-  
15          geon General and the Nurse Professional Advisory  
16          Committee on matters such as standards, recruit-  
17          ment, retention, readiness, and career development  
18          of nurses employed by and contracted with agencies  
19          of the Public Health Service.

20          “(4) Conduct media campaigns and make per-  
21          sonal appearances for purposes of paragraphs (5)  
22          through (7).

23          “(5) Provide guidance and leadership for activi-  
24          ties to promote the public health, including encour-  
25          aging nurses and other health professionals to be

1 volunteers and developing projects that educate the  
2 public about and engage the public in prevention  
3 practices to achieve better health.

4 “(6) Provide guidance and leadership to encour-  
5 age nurses to become nurse educators.

6 “(7) Provide guidance and leadership for activi-  
7 ties that will increase public safety and emergency  
8 preparedness.

9 “(d) ANNUAL HEALTH PRIORITIES.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each fiscal year, the Na-  
11 tional Nurse shall identify, in consultation with the  
12 Surgeon General, heads of the agencies of the Public  
13 Health Service, States, and organizations that rep-  
14 resent health professionals, annual health priorities.

15 “(2) CARRYING OUT ANNUAL HEALTH PRIOR-  
16 ITIES.—The National Nurse, in addressing the an-  
17 nual health priorities, shall encourage volunteerism  
18 of nurses and other individuals, and strengthen the  
19 relationship between Government agencies and  
20 health-related national organizations.

21 “(3) COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this  
23 subsection, the National Nurse shall encourage  
24 community-based, nonprofit organizations to  
25 seek grants for the purpose of education and

1 interventions to address the annual health pri-  
2 orities.

3 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION.—In encouraging  
4 community-based, nonprofit organizations  
5 under subparagraph (A), the National Nurse  
6 shall—

7 “(i) provide guidance and coordination  
8 on recommended activities to such organi-  
9 zations;

10 “(ii) encourage practicing nurses and  
11 other health professionals, including retired  
12 health professionals and students enrolled  
13 in health professional programs, to partici-  
14 pate in health promotion activities and rep-  
15 licate successful health promotion activi-  
16 ties;

17 “(iii) monitor activities being con-  
18 ducted through the collection and evalua-  
19 tion of data to determine if the annual  
20 health priorities are being addressed; and

21 “(iv) acknowledge successful programs  
22 and encourage their replication.

23 “(C) MEDIA CAMPAIGNS.—The National  
24 Nurse shall ensure that media campaigns con-  
25 ducted under subsection (c)(4) include media

1 campaigns regarding the annual health prior-  
2 ities.

3 “(D) EVALUATIONS.—The National Nurse  
4 shall, directly or through awards of grants or  
5 contracts, evaluate the activities encouraged by  
6 the National Nurse and conducted by commu-  
7 nity-based, nonprofit organizations under sub-  
8 paragraph (A) to determine the extent to which  
9 such activities have succeeded in carrying out  
10 the purpose described in such subparagraph.

11 “(E) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—  
12 The National Nurse shall disseminate informa-  
13 tion to governmental agencies, schools, and  
14 community-based, nonprofit organizations inter-  
15 ested in health promotion and improving public  
16 health through community action.

17 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
18 purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized  
19 to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for  
20 each of the fiscal years 2010 through 2014.”.

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