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(a) The Secretary shall:

(1) Plan and encourage development of, and coordinate the programs and services that offer treatment, care, or rehabilitation for individuals with a substance use disorder; and

(2) Adopt regulations setting standards for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of individuals with a substance use disorder.

(b) The Secretary may establish and operate or identify programs and services, including evaluation services to determine if an individual has a substance use disorder.

(c) A facility that the Administration operates or contracts to be operated is a health facility and is not, for any purpose, a correctional institution.

(d) To carry out the purposes of this title, the Secretary may contract with any appropriate public or private agency that has proper and adequate substance use disorder programs.

(e) (1) The Administration annually shall evaluate all publicly funded substance use disorder treatment programs licensed under this subtitle using federal outcomes measures or other subsequently adopted federal standards.

(2) The Secretary shall adopt regulations necessary to allow the Director to conduct the performance and outcome research required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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