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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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Eunice Kennedy Shrive National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Notice of Committee Establishment

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), the

Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), announces the establishment of the Task

Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women (Task Force) as

required by section 2041 of the 21st Century Cures Act, Public Law 114-255.

The Task Force will provide advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health

and Human Services (Secretary), regarding Federal activities related to identifying and

addressing gaps in knowledge and research regarding safe and effective therapies for

pregnant women and lactating women, including the development of such therapies and

the collaboration on and coordination of such activities. The Task Force will, not later

than 18 months after the establishment, prepare and submit a report to the Secretary, the

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee

on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

It is determined that the Task Force is in the public interest in connection with the

performance of duties imposed on the NIH by statute, and that these duties can best be

performed through the advice and counsel of this group.

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