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FY 2017 Appropriations

• Congress still has not completed work on FY 2017 appropriations and the fiscal year is half over.

• The current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires April 28th, 2017.

• An Omnibus appropriations bill is being completed now to finalize FY 2017 funding for the Labor HHS appropriations bill and other remaining appropriations bills.
FY 2017 -- Section 317 Appropriations

• The omnibus will resolve the difference between proposed House and Senate appropriations committee funding levels that were recommended last summer.

  • The Senate bill maintains the program at the 2016 level of $611 million.

  • The House bill accepted the President’s proposal to cut the program by $50 million to $561 million.
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• The President will submit to Congress a detailed budget in approximately mid-May that will propose a funding level for the 317 program.

• The only other budget information was released in a “skinny budget” in March that included deep cuts in total for HHS (-$15 billion or 18%)

• The House and Senate typically mark up the Labor HHS appropriations bill in Committee before the August recess.
Future of Section 317 Funding

• All federal programs will be under scrutiny as the new Administration strives for efficiencies, workforce and budget reductions, while maintaining core federal functions.

• The 317 program has existed for over 50 years, and has proven to be a critical component of public health infrastructure, as well as the backbone of the Vaccines for Children Program.

• Unknowns such as ACA repeal/replace efforts and potential budget cuts are factors that can influence the future of the 317 program.
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