

317 Coalition

Removing Financial Barriers to Immunization

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Every Year...

tens of millions of low-income, uninsured adults remain without access to life-saving vaccines. A safety net for this population is critically important. [Learn More](#)

Take Action!

Vaccines alone cannot protect the public. A robust immunization infrastructure is required to ensure the right vaccines are given to the right people at the right time.



Welcome to the 317 Coalition! CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2013 will prevent 322 million illnesses and help avoid 732,000 deaths. Still, approximately 43,000 adults and 300 children in the United States die annually from vaccine-preventable diseases and their complications.

The 317 Coalition advocates for increasing the federal funding for the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, commonly known as "Section 317" of the Public Health Service Act. Section 317 provides a safety net program of grants to states to immunize underserved populations, such as underinsured adults who have no other means to pay for vaccinations. Additionally, the 317 program serves as a backbone for the nation's public health infrastructure by monitoring coverage, targeting specific populations and helping providers and the public make informed decisions. Our updated [issue brief](#) outlines the priorities of the Program. [Learn More.](#)

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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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FY 2018

- 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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- Free coalition of public health partners joined in support of the CDC's Section 317 Program
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 - www.317coalition.org
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