

COALITION *for* HEALTH FUNDING

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Washington, D.C., March 28, 2017 (WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Today, Coalition for Health Funding Executive Director Emily Holubowich issued the following statement on President Trump’s proposal to cut nearly \$3 billion from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) budget in fiscal year 2017.

“With less than six months left in fiscal year 2017, and one month until funding for the government runs out, the President’s proposed FY 2017 budget cuts come too many days late and too many dollars short. A \$3 billion cut to public health and health research—implemented this late in the fiscal year—would have devastating and immediate consequences on America’s health at a time when the public health community is already doing more with less. More broadly, this request reneges on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, threatens to derail lawmakers’ work to negotiate appropriations legislation, and increases the likelihood of a government shutdown. Congress must reject the President’s requested FY 2017 cuts and work to strengthen our health security amidst mounting public health threats.”

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The Coalition for Health Funding works to preserve and strengthen federal investments across the public health continuum. Founded in 1970, the Coalition’s diverse members organizations—representing more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers—speak with one voice before Congress and the administration in support of federally funded health programs with the shared goal of improved health and well-being for all.

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