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Coalition for Health Funding Statement on Continuing Resolution and 302(b) Allocations

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Coalition for Health Funding (CHF) Acting Executive Director Matt Dennis issued the following statement following a meeting of Appropriations Committee leaders on the path forward for federal spending bills, and the next Continuing Resolution (CR):

"The Coalition for Health Funding commends the Appropriations Committee leaders' commitment to resolving the differences between the House and Senate 302(b) allocations and working collaboratively to enact Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bills. While continuing resolutions of any duration are not desirable, we are pleased the next stopgap is expected to last until December rather than February or March as previously suggested.

"Earlier this year, Congress approved the Bipartisan Budget Agreement to end sequestration permanently and indicated its desire to prioritize critical domestic priorities such as the public health workforce, medical research, and preparedness. We strongly urge Congress and the Administration to enact spending bills expeditiously to make these vital investments. Falling back on a long-term continuing resolution - or worse, another damaging government shutdown - would be a dereliction of responsibility and failure to safeguard Americans' health."

About the Coalition for Health Funding

The Coalition for Health Funding is the oldest and largest nonprofit alliance working to preserve and strengthen public health investments in the best interest of all Americans. <u>Our member organizations</u> together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.