COALITION for HEALTH FUNDING

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Coalition for Health Funding Statement on FY2020 Public Health Funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Coalition for Health Funding (CHF) Acting Executive Director Matt Dennis issued the following statement regarding investments in public health priorities in the Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations package:

"The Coalition for Health Funding (CHF) applauds bipartisan leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the subcommittees, and Congressional leadership for reaching an agreement on a Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations. Enactment of this package would realize the gains made possible when the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 ended sequestration permanently earlier this year. CHF enthusiastically supports enactment of these responsible investments, which will provide health agencies the funding and certainty they need to keep American families and communities safe and healthy.

"CHF is particularly pleased to see robust funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and many other agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These wise investments are critical as we build our national capacity to prevent and respond to public health threats, train a prepared and professional health workforce, conduct groundbreaking research into new treatments and cures, and improve the delivery of care for the American public. Conquering some of the most dangerous threats to Americans' health - opioids, maternal mortality, influenza, natural disasters, and much more - requires the robust and sustained investments that this bill provides.

"CHF thanks Congress for its bipartisan commitment to public health, and looks forward to together to ensure our national prioritization of these priorities remains strong in the next budget and appropriations cycle."

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. Our <u>member organizations</u> together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.