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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health funding issues the following statement in response to the final passage of The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:

*The Coalition for Health Funding applauds the passage of H.R. 1319, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This legislation includes important provisions that will help our nation combat the coronavirus pandemic and provide Americans with much needed economic relief as we continue on this long road of recovery.*

*In particular, the Coalition thanks Congress and the Biden administration for the inclusion of funds for programs and efforts that are important to our member organizations and critical to addressing the pandemic, including, \$362.05 billion in financial aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and tracing activities; \$8.5 billion for vaccine activities at the CDC, including funding for vaccine confidence activities; \$6.05 billion to support vaccine manufacturers; \$7.66 billion to expand the public health workforce; \$1.75 billion for genomic sequencing and surveillance; \$500 million for CDC data modernization and disease forecasting; \$3 billion for SAMSHA block grant programs; \$6 billion for the IHS, and more. Additionally, provisions included to increase access to affordable health insurance and reduce childhood poverty are important to achieving our long-term goal of a healthier nation.*

*This legislation is an important step in facilitating America's recovery; however, the work cannot stop now. This pandemic has exposed the serious consequences of the chronic underfunding of the public health infrastructure, which must be addressed through sustained annual investments to improve our current response, better position the country to respond to the next pandemic, and meet the everyday health care needs of Americans. Additional emergency funding is still needed to meet the immediate health and research challenges created by the pandemic and should not be overlooked as we work to support a robust and sustainable public health infrastructure built to respond to future pandemics. The Coalition and our member organizations stand ready to work with Congress and the Biden Administration to achieve this goal.*

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The Coalition for Health Funding works to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our 84 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.

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