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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement in response to the release of President Joe Biden’s discretionary budget for fiscal year 2022.

*The Coalition for Health Funding is excited to see the investment in non-defense discretionary spending and the strong commitment to public health infrastructure—from bench to bedside—included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget released today by the Biden administration. The COVID-19 pandemic has put a spotlight on the challenges resulting from chronic underfunding of our research and public health system. We cannot rely on supplemental and emergency funding to build a public health infrastructure that works every day for Americans and is ready for the next pandemic—and this budget acknowledges that need.*

*Sustained annual investments across the Department of Health and Human Services accounts are needed to improve our current response, better position the country to respond to the next pandemic, and meet the everyday health care needs of Americans. The funding outlined in this budget includes \$769 billion for non-defense discretionary spending, a 16 percent increase over fiscal year 2021—an important first step to address these issues. The Coalition for Health Funding and our member organizations are ready to work with the Biden administration and Congress to ensure that our public health system receives the necessary investments for years to come.*

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The Coalition for Health Funding works to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our 79 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.

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