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Washington, D.C – The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement on President Joe Biden's Fiscal Year 2025 budget request:

The Coalition for Health Funding supports funding and maintaining a strong public health and health research infrastructure in the United States. While the President's FY 2025 budget includes increases for some key public health programs, it does not provide the level of investment this country needs to protect American's health.

Unfortunately, The Fiscal Responsibility Act created unnecessary downward pressure on nondefense spending, ensuring that many of the health programs our members care about, and our nation depends on for its safety, will be either flat funded or cut in the final fiscal year (FY) 2024 Labor-HHS spending bill. With only a one percent increase in the FY 2025 cap, we understand that the President's FY 2025 does not do more to bolster the departments and agencies critical to Americans' health and wellbeing. But we cannot accept it. More must be done.

With costs rising and the need growing, our health infrastructure requires additional funding to provide the services people in the United States need. We look forward to working with our members and Congress to advance a funding agenda that allows each health agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)—ACS, AHRQ, CDC, CMS, FDA, HRSA, HIS, NIH, and SAMHSA—to perform their critical work on behalf of the American people.

The Coalition for Health Funding is united in support for robust funding for all federal agencies and programs within HHS to help protect the health and prosperity of all Americans.

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The Coalition for Health Funding works to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our <u>86 member organizations</u> together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.