COALITION for HEALTH FUNDING

Statement on FY 2023 President's Budget

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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement on the release of President Joe Biden's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget:

The Coalition for Health Funding appreciates the Biden administration's stated commitment to establish and maintain a strong public health and health research infrastructure in the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic made it clear that a strong public health system is not only important, but essential. The health of this nation depends on a strong public health system and our health research institutions. The chronic underfunding of these programs must be stopped.

Public health affects every aspect of the continuum of care. This budget is a strong step towards addressing the need for increased and sustained investment across all facets of public health, from basic science research to bedside care. However, every agency within HHS has a unique mission to respond to our nation's health demands; they are all interconnected and each health agency—NIH, FDA, CDC, HRSA, SAMHSA, IHS, AHRQ, CMS, and ACS—should see sustained funding increases each year.

The Coalition for Health Funding is united in support of increased and sustained funding for all federal agencies and programs within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help protect the health and prosperity of all Americans.

The funding recommendations outlined in the HHS budget proposal include \$127.3 billion in discretionary funding, which is a 15 percent overall funding increase from the enacted FY 2022 level of \$108.3 billion. The Coalition for Health Funding and our member organizations are committed to working with Congress to ensure that robust investments in health funding are realized and implemented through the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process.

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The Coalition for Health Funding works to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our 81 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.