

	FY 2014 Final	FY 2015 President's Request	FY 2015 Senate	FY 2015 Final Omnibus
Section 317 Immunization Program	\$451,700	\$433,300	\$611,177	\$400,547
<i>Immunization Program (PPHF)</i>	<i>\$160,300</i>	<i>\$127,300</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$210,300</i>
Total	\$612,000	\$560,600	\$611,177	\$610,847

(Dollars in Thousands)

More than two months into the fiscal year, House and Senate appropriators have reached a compromise appropriations package to fund the government for the rest of FY 2015. Dubbed a “CRomnibus,” it totals \$1.013 trillion in spending, nearly identical to the top-line 2014 level of \$1.012 trillion, and will be considered on the House and Senate floor by the end of the week.

Since Oct. 1, the federal government has been funded through a continuing resolution (CR) at the FY 2014 spending levels, with a limited number of exceptions including an additional \$88 million for Ebola response activities at CDC, BARDA and NIH. The current CR expires on Thursday, Dec. 11, so a one- or two-day CR may be needed to allow passage by both chambers. The new funding package released on Dec. 9 includes fresh funding levels and policy directives for 11 out of the 12 appropriations bills. Republicans insisted on funding Homeland Security by means of a CR lasting only until Feb. 27, when they will control both chambers of Congress, in order to give them greater leverage over the implementation of President Obama’s executive action on immigration.

As always, the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill was one of the most difficult to negotiate and clouded in secrecy. The House never released its version of the bill and the Senate version was released by Sen. Tom Harkin but not marked up in Committee. The FY 2015 bill is funded at \$156.8 billion, identical to the FY 2014 level, and includes \$30 billion at NIH and \$6.9 billion at CDC.

The proposed \$50 million cut to the Section 317 Immunization program in the President’s request was fully restored in the bill, to \$610.847 million, which is a slight decrease from the FY 14 figure of \$612 million. The report language for the program is also below:

Cost Estimates.—CDC is requested to update its report on estimated funding needs of the Section 317 Immunization Program, which should be submitted not later than February 1, 2015, to reflect fiscal year 2016 cost estimates.

Influenza.—The agreement directs the Department to use \$15,000,000 in pandemic influenza supplemental balances to support CDC’s global influenza activity. CDC and the Department are expected to clearly identify in budget documents when and how prior year supplemental appropriations are used.