

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY 2016 House</b>	<b>FY 2016 Senate</b>
CDC Section 317 Immunization Program	\$610,847	\$560,508	\$585,508	\$610,847

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

On November 2nd 2015, President Obama signed into law the Bipartisan Budget Act, after passing the House the week prior by a vote of 266-167 (with mostly Democrats in support), and the Senate 64-35. The deal was negotiated just days before the Nov. 3 debt ceiling deadline and the October 28 election of Paul Ryan to replace John Boehner as Speaker of the House.

The two-year budget deal raises the sequester-level spending caps for FY 2016 and FY 2017 by a combined \$80 billion, and also includes a “clean” suspension of the debt limit until March 2017, after the presidential election. In FY 2016 there will be \$50 billion of sequester relief, split evenly between defense and non-defense, and in FY 2017 there will be \$30 billion split between defense and non-defense. Thus, for the current fiscal year, FY 2016, the non-defense spending cap was raised from \$493 billion to \$518 billion.

The work has now shifted to the Appropriations Committees, which will try to hammer out compromises before the current Continuing Resolution expires on December 11. Based off the new additional funding, the Committee Chairs and Ranking Members established new allocations for each of the 12 subcommittees – and have now been negotiating the bills with the hope of conferencing them into a large omnibus package. Each of the subcommittees have an initial internal deadline of the Friday before the Thanksgiving recess to negotiate funding and policy riders. Any outstanding disagreements at the subcommittee level will be kicked up to the full Committee leadership for negotiation.

As the largest non-defense discretionary bill, the Labor-HHS-Education spending package is expected to receive a substantial increase above the roughly \$153.1 billion level at which the House and Senate Labor-HHS-ED appropriations subcommittees marked up their bills over the summer. With the anticipation of new dollars for this bill, Subcommittee staff will have the opportunity to identify certain programs for a funding increase above the proposed FY16 levels reported out of Committee. Of course, some programs that were cut or level-funded in the House and Senate proposals may not see new funding.

The 317 Coalition has engaged with members of the Appropriations Committees in support of a restoration of the proposed cut in the House bill, and an increase in funding to \$650 million for FY 2016 stemming from the new dollars available from the budget deal. We have also engaged with partner stakeholder groups to ensure the increased funding level for the 317 program is among their requests to key Congressional offices.

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In late March, the 2015 CDC Professional Budget Judgment for the Section 317 program was released. The CDC recommends \$1.071 billion for the program to fully implement its program

operations and vaccine purchase functions. The program is currently funded at \$610 million. The prior year's estimate was \$963.4 million for the overall program need.

The 317 Coalition has mounted an aggressive advocacy campaign to support robust funding for the CDC immunization program. The Coalition worked with Senate champions, led by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), to circulate a dear colleague that calls for the Coalition's requested funding level of \$650 million in FY 2016. The letter garnered 18 Senate signatures of support!