



### **Federal Budget Update – December 15, 2011**

Last night (December 14, 2011) the U.S. House of Representatives introduced an FY2012 omnibus appropriations bill that funds several federal agencies including Health and Human Services (HHS). **The only detail we have on MCH funding is that the bill appears to include \$863 million for the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau. This level is \$10 million less than FY 2011.** Additional details on specific program funding levels have not yet been released. Votes on this bill could occur as early as Friday Dec. 16 or could be further delayed which would necessitate another short term continuing resolution. Additional postings and Legislative Alerts will be issued as details emerge.

Additional highlights from the bill:

Health and Human Services - The Department of Health and Human Services receives a total of \$69.7 billion in the bill, which is nearly \$700 million below the last year's level.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - The bill funds HRSA at program level of \$6.5 billion, which is \$41 million below last year's level. Within this total, Community Health Centers are funded at \$1.6 billion - the same as last year's level.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - The legislation includes a program level of \$6.1 billion for the CDC - an increase of \$38 million above last year's level. Within this total, the legislation funds at \$80 million the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) - The bill funds SAMHSA at a program level of \$3.5 billion - \$27 million below last year's level.

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