
Congress Passes FY19 Omnibus

This week, Congress passed legislation to fund the federal government for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018, at the levels agreed upon in the two-year budget agreement passed in February. The \$1.3 trillion bill will fund the government through September 30, 2018.

Key Health Care Provisions:

- \$78 billion to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), an increase of \$10 billion above the FY 2017 level
- \$37 billion to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an increase of \$3 billion above the FY 2017 level
- \$8.3 billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an increase of \$1 billion above the FY 2017 level
- \$4 billion for administrative services at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- \$4 billion in additional funding to fight the opioid crisis
- \$2.9 billion to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Notable Exclusions:

- The bill does not contain language to reduce drug companies' share of Medicare Part D coverage-gap costs.
- The bill does not contain Affordable Care Act (ACA) market stabilization language.
- The bill does not contain language excluding biosimilars from pass-through payments.

The bill was signed into law by the president on Friday.

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