BREAKING NEWS: House FY20 Labor-HHS Bill Passes with $34M Increase for Title V!

On Wed. June 19, the House of Representatives passed its first minibus appropriations bill (several appropriations bills combined into one), which included the Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education (Labor-HHS) Appropriations bill. Included in this bill is $712 million for the Title V MCH Block Grant!

As you may recall, the original Labor-HHS bill included $705 million for Title V, which was an increase of $27 million from FY19. During consideration of the bill on the House floor, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) offered an amendment to increase Title V by an addition $7 million. The amendment passed by a vote of 365-59, bringing the total amount included for Title V to $712 million. Based on our reading, the $34 million increase from FY19 would be divided equally between formula grants to states and Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS).

NEXT STEPS
The Senate Appropriations Committee may begin consideration of its version of the Labor-HHS bill after the July 4th recess. We are hearing that the Senate anticipates working from a lower overall funding level, which means that levels for individual programs are expected to be lower.

TAKE ACTION
Now is the time to let your senators know you support the increase to Title V that was included in the House-passed version of the FY20 Labor-HHS bill! Email your senator’s office with a simple message “As the Senate begins consideration of the FY20 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill, please support the House-passed funding level of $712 million for the Title V Maternal & Child Health Services Block Grant.”

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