



## **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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