AMCHP Responds to President's FY2021 Budget Proposal

While AMCHP is pleased that President Trump’s FY2021 Budget Proposal, released Feb. 10, recommends a $73 million increase for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCH Block Grant) for a total of $760.7 million, it is important to note that this increase is coupled with severe reductions to many complementary programs, such as Autism and Other Developmental Disorders, Heritable Disorders, Emergency Medical Services to Children, and Sickle Cell Disease Treatment, which are currently funded at a combined total of over $97 million. The budget proposal assumes that states would absorb these four programs using their allotted MCH Block Grant dollars.

AMCHP urges Congress to reject any proposed cuts for the aforementioned vital programs and proposes that the MCH Block Grant be funded at a minimum of $715 million in order to continue fulfilling its core mission of enabling states to adequately address the most pressing needs of women, children, including children with special health care needs, and their families.

For further details on the President's FY2021 budget proposal for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), please see here.