



House Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill Advances Committee with Increases for MCH!

We are pleased to share that the proposed FY21 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (Labor-HHS) appropriations bill passed by the full House Appropriations Committee on July 13 proposes increased funding for maternal and child health programs as follows:

HRSA Title V MCH Block Grant:

\$25M increase over FY20 level for a total of \$712,700,000

(This includes an increase of \$8M increase for Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) - *in our initial communication about this we noted a \$4M increase for SPRANS, during consideration of the bill in full Committee, a change was made that included a \$4M increase for the SPRANS portion of the MCH Block Grant)

CDC Safe Motherhood:

\$10M increase over FY20 level for a total of \$68,000,000

(The entire \$10M increase is directed toward maternal mortality review committee activity)

CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

\$2M increase over FY20 level for a total of \$162,810,000

The bill also includes \$24.425 billion in *emergency* spending to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. For further details on the proposed FY21 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill please see [here](#).

Next steps:

As we caution every year, this was only one step in the appropriations process. While the House Appropriations Committee work is moving forward this month, the Senate has essentially put their mark-ups on hold and we anticipate there will be a continuing resolution needed to continue government funding at current levels through November or December of this year.