



Federal Budget Update: *September 2012*

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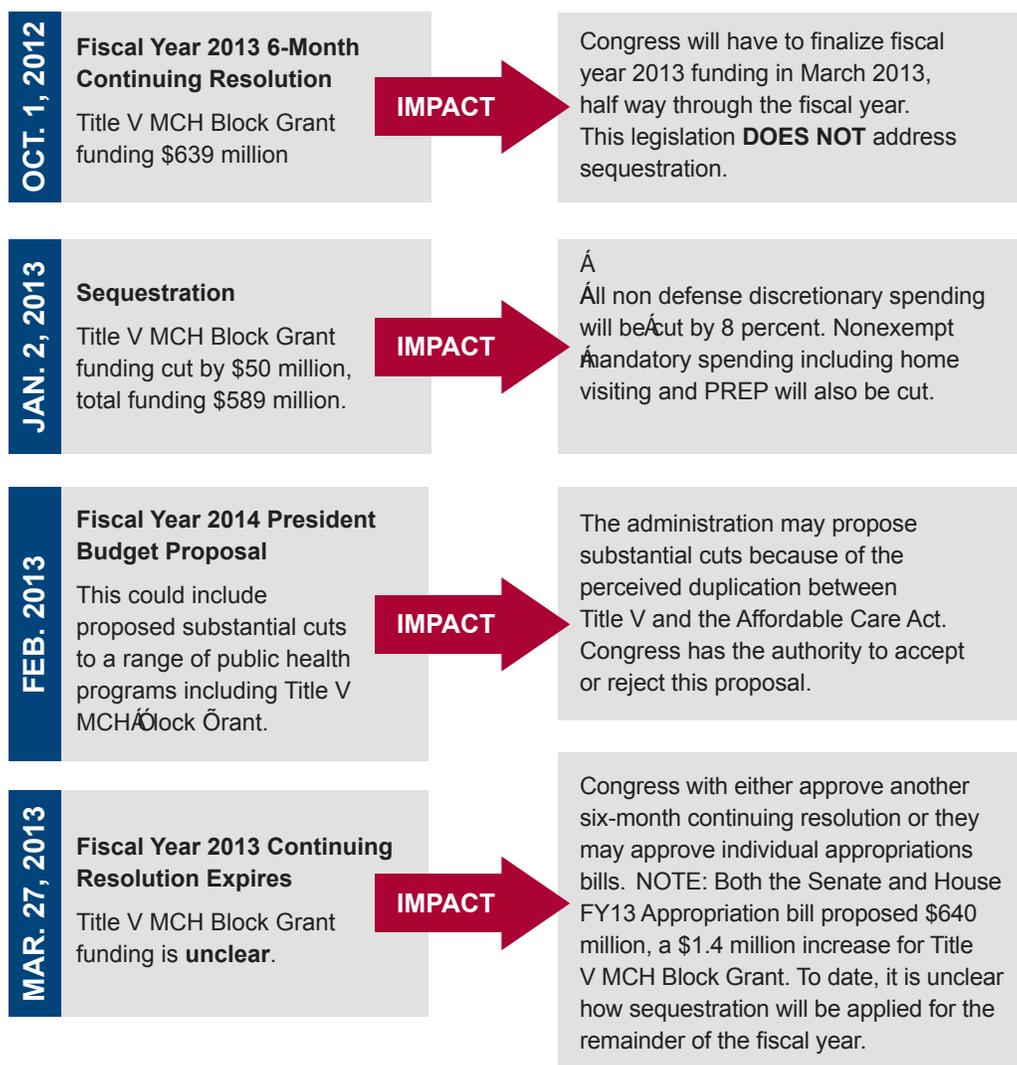
The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs is a national resource, partner and advocate for state public health leaders and others working to improve the health of women, children, youth and families, including those with special health care needs.

During the next year, AMCHP will continue to work on behalf of our members urging both Congress and the administration to sustain funding for the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. We will need your help. Watch for legislative alerts and updates for more information about the federal budget.

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In September 2012, Congress approved a continuing resolution (CR) funding the federal government including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2013 at near level funding through March 27, 2013. It is important to note that the CR does not address sequestration—the scheduled 8% cuts across the board cuts scheduled to take effect on January 2, 2013. AMCHP developed the below timeline to illustrate key dates to keep in mind as the federal budget process moves forward.



As Congress moves forward deliberating various funding proposals, it is imperative to keep in mind that all of this will climax during the next six to nine months. Congress will need to finalize the fiscal year 2013 appropriations bills, address the fiscal cliff and begin deliberation on the fiscal year 2014 appropriations bills. This is a significant time for our nation and for the future of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.