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## Summary of Legislation to Fund HHS and Related Agencies in FY 2024

Legislation that would fund the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and related agencies in fiscal year (FY) 2024 took an important first step toward passage with a July 14 markup by the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education of the House Committee on Appropriations. The full Appropriations committee now must consider the bill.

Overall, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill would provide \$163 billion in funding—\$63.8 billion (28 percent) below the FY 2023 enacted level and \$73 billion below the president's budget request. But the bill is a House Republican "wish list" and not likely to pass the Democrat-controlled Senate. It focuses on Republican policy priorities, including restricting abortion access; eliminating diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; and slashing federal spending. Of interest to essential hospitals, the bill would:

- Appropriate **\$103.7 billion for HHS**, a cut of \$17.4 billion, or 14 percent, below the FY 2023 enacted level.
- Eliminate 61 total programs and reduce funding for 54 other programs.
  - Cut \$798 million from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services administrative budget.
  - Cut more than \$700 million from Health Resources and Services Administration budget.
  - Cut \$234 million from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration budget.
- Prevent, with limited exceptions, federal funds from being used for abortions.
  - Eliminate funding for Title X family planning grants.
- Eliminate funding for multiple programs to support diversity in the health care workforce, including:
  - Health Careers Opportunity Program (\$16 million).
  - Centers of Excellence (\$28 million).
  - Nursing Workforce Diversity (\$24 million).

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Labor-HHS appropriations will change significantly before passing the full Congress, as the Senate and House must resolve differences between each chamber's version of the bill.

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