

Fiscal Year 2027 President's Budget Advocacy Brief

Protecting Public Health, Workforce, and Preparedness Infrastructure

The President's FY2027 budget proposes significant restructuring and reduced investment in federal health programs, with major implications for community health, workforce capacity, and emergency preparedness. The President's Budget is a fiscal blueprint that identifies the Administration's priorities. It begins the budget process in the House and Senate, which will likely restore some of the Administration's proposed cuts. This is the time for advocacy and education with Members of Congress, particularly those on the Appropriations Committees, to seek restored funding for health programs.

[Full President's Budget \(OMB\)](#)

Key Budget Takeaways

1. Reduced Federal Investment in Health

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proposes \$111.1 billion in discretionary funding, a \$15.8 billion (12.5%) decrease from FY2026.
- Budget prioritizes consolidation and efficiency under a new Administration for a Healthy America.
- [View FY2027 HHS Budget in Brief](#)

WellLink Concern: Sustained reductions weaken the federal-state-local partnership required to maintain strong, coordinated health systems.

2. Restructuring of CDC & Public Health Programs

- Continued consolidation of programs across the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other agencies.
- Shift toward a narrower federal role focused on core functions and infectious disease.
- [CDC Congressional Justification](#)

WellLink Concern: Reduced investment in prevention and population health undermines efforts to address chronic disease, health disparities, and community-based initiatives.

3. Preparedness & Emergency Response Risks

- Eliminates the Hospital Preparedness Program, the Regional Disaster Health Response System, and other Health Care Readiness and Recovery Programs.
- Reduced emphasis on systemwide readiness and cross-sector coordination.

WellLink Concern: Cuts to preparedness infrastructure results in slower emergency response, reduced hospital and community coordination, and increased vulnerability to public health crises.

4. Impact on HRSA & the Health Workforce

- Reorganization and consolidation affecting the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Continued emphasis on restructuring workforce and safety-net programs.
- [HRSA FY2027 Budget Materials](#)

WellLink Concern: Threatens workforce pipeline programs; reduces support for rural and underserved communities; and weakens partnerships that sustain access to care.

5. Program Consolidation & Elimination

- Budget continues efforts to combine and streamline programs across HHS agencies.
- Includes consolidation of prevention programs (e.g., HIV, infectious disease initiatives).

WellLink Concern: Program eliminations and consolidation reduce targeted investments in behavioral health, chronic disease prevention, community-based services.

Why This Matters

Federal health funding supports local public health infrastructure, healthcare workforce development, emergency preparedness systems, and equitable access to care. Reduced investment will likely lead to increased long-term healthcare costs, worsening health disparities, and strained local systems with fewer resources.

WellLink Health Alliance is concerned that the Administration's FY2027 budget represents a significant shift away from federal investment in public health, workforce, and preparedness. Without adequate funding, communities will face greater health risks, higher costs, and reduced system capacity.

WellLink Health Alliance urges policymakers to:

- **Sustain and strengthen funding for CDC and prevention programs.**
- **Maintain federal funding and coordination of preparedness and emergency response.**
- **Protect HRSA workforce and safety-net investments.**
- **Ensure stable, flexible funding for community-based health systems.**