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White House Releases FY 2022 Discretionary Budget Request

Full FY 2022 budget request to be released later this spring

President Biden today submitted to Congress his [discretionary budget request](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2022. The budget request, which is not binding, proposes \$1.5 trillion for appropriated spending in FY 2022, including \$769 billion for domestic programs, a 16% increase over last year's level. The full budget request is expected to be released later this spring.

Today's budget proposes nearly \$132 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, a 23% increase over last year's enacted level, including \$8.7 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the largest increase in nearly two decades.

The budget request is largely shaped by several overarching themes: improving public health infrastructure, strengthening the economy, reducing inequities, and addressing climate change. It contains a number of health care-related provisions with a particular emphasis on public health, behavioral health, health care research, and health care disparities.

Specifically, the budget would make investments to:

- Strengthen public health infrastructure, including through replenishment of critical medical supplies and restructuring efforts for the Strategic National Stockpile and making investments to enhance federal response capacity;
- Expand access to mental health care services, including through \$1.6 billion for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant; \$10.7 billion to support research, prevention, treatment and recovery support services for individuals with opioid use disorders; and increased investment in school-based mental health services;
- Improve access to care in rural communities, including through expansions in broadband technology, investments in health care providers and increased funding for rural residency and other workforce programs;
- Increase research to address priority diseases, such as cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's, through a new "Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health" with an initial \$6.5 billion investment;
- Advance health equity and reduce health disparities, including with a specific focus on maternal mortality, as well as American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

- Improve access to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care services, as well as increase investments in health care research relevant to veterans with a particular focus on traumatic brain injury.

The Administration also is requesting other health care investments to address gender-based violence, gun violence, HIV/AIDS, home and community-based services, cybersecurity and the health impacts of climate change.

Further Questions

If you have further questions, please contact AHA at 800-424-4301.