

# Issue Brief

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## Extension of Continuing Appropriations

By now, all of you know that Congress voted to extend government funding by enacting another continuing resolution that provides funding through Thursday, Feb. 8. This is eight days less than the CR the House approved last week.

In part, the material is contained in *Rules Committee Print 115-55 Text of Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018*.

Major health care items include the following.

### SEC. 3002. SIX-YEAR FUNDING EXTENSION OF THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

This provision extends and funds CHIP for six years. The CHIP and Public Health Funding Extension Act Law is amended with allocations as follows:

- for fiscal year 2018, \$21,500,000,000;
- for fiscal year 2019, \$22,600,000,000;
- for fiscal year 2020, \$23,700,000,000;
- for fiscal year 2021, \$24,800,000,000;
- for fiscal year 2022, \$25,900,000,000; and
- for fiscal year 2023, two semi-annual allotments:
  - (A) \$2,850,000,000 for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023; and
  - (B) \$2,850,000,000 for the period beginning April 1, 2023, and ending Sept. 30, 2023.

There is an additional one-time FY 2023 allocation of \$20,200,000,000 to accompany the allotment made for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2022, and ending March 31, 2023.

Any funds for FY 2018 (A) that have been previously appropriated but not allotted and obligated before the date of the enactment of this Act (Jan. 20, 2018), are rescinded; and (B) any amount provided for CHIP allotments to a state under this section (and the amendments made by this section) for such fiscal year shall be reduced by the amount of such appropriations so allotted and obligated before such date.

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## SEC. 3003. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

(a) Childhood Obesity Demonstration Project — funded at \$30,000,000 for FY 2018 through 2023.

(b) Pediatric Quality Measures Program — funded at \$90,000,000 for FY 2018 through 2023.

## SEC. 3005. EXTENSION AND REDUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FOR CHIP

During the period that begins Oct. 1, 2019, and ends Sept. 30, 2020, the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Privileges determined for a state for a fiscal year (or for any portion of a fiscal year occurring during such period) shall be increased by 11.5 percentage points.

## SEC. 4001. EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL DEVICE EXCISE TAX

The *Affordable Care Act's* excise tax on medical devices is further delayed from Dec. 31, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2019.

## SEC. 4002. DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCISE TAX ON HIGH COST EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HEALTH COVERAGE

The ACA's excise tax on so-called Cadillac health care plans is further delayed from Dec. 31, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2021.

## SEC. 4003. SUSPENSION OF ANNUAL FEE ON HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS

The amendments made by this section shall apply to calendar years beginning after Dec. 31, 2018.

### Comment

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The continuing resolution leaves several outstanding health care issues that need to be resolved. There are a number of health care items still to be decided upon including the ACA cost sharing reductions and a number of Medicare extender provisions regarding items that expired September 30, 2017. The CR agreement is only valid through February 8, 2018.

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