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### HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES REPORT OUT APPROPRIATIONS BILLS TO FUND NIH FOR FY 2017

Just before Congress recessed for the conventions and its August break, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved bills for FY 2017 which would increase funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) including modest boosts for the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Unfortunately, as explained below, the regular order of the appropriations process has broken down and at this time there is no clear indication how, when, and in what amount, funding for federal agencies, including NIH, will be put in place for the coming fiscal year.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the House Appropriations Committee favorably reported the FY 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill which contains funding for the National Institutes of Health. In the bill, NIH is appropriated \$1.25 billion above the FY 2016 level for a total of \$33.3 billion for FY 2017. This is \$2.25 billion more than the President had requested.

In the House bill, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism is appropriated \$480,330,000, a \$12,630,000 increase over last year and the National Institute on Drug Abuse is appropriated \$1,107,700,000, a \$30,212,000 increase above FY 2016. Included in the NIH funding is an increase of \$100 million for the Precision Medicine Initiative; \$350 million for Alzheimer's disease; and \$45 million for the BRAIN Initiative. The House funding for each of NIH's institutes and centers is set out in the first table.

The Senate Appropriations Committee had favorably reported its version of the FY 2017 Labor-HHS bill on June 9. The Senate approved an additional \$2 billion in NIH funding for a total of \$34 billion for FY 2017. It similarly prioritizes the Precision Medicine Initiative, Alzheimer's research, and the BRAIN Initiative. NIAAA is appropriated \$488,782,000, an increase of \$21,337,000, for FY 2017 and NIDA is appropriated \$1,103,032,000, an increase of \$52,482,000 for the coming fiscal year. The Senate funding for each of the institutes and centers is laid out in the second table.

Unfortunately, the Committee markups are likely the end of the road for the Labor-HHS appropriations bill (and for all appropriations bills for that matter). Given the limited legislative days remaining before the end of the fiscal year on September 30<sup>th</sup>, Congress will not be able to complete the appropriations process in regular order. As a result, in September, Congress will have to pass a continuing resolution (CR) to prevent a government shutdown. It is probable that the resolution will simply extend current spending levels into the next fiscal year. There will be a vigorous debate about the length of the CR. Some Members of Congress want it to extend into next March, leaving it up to the new Congress and President to make funding decisions. Other Members want a CR into December so that the FY 2017 appropriations bills are made in the lame duck session after the elections perhaps through a large omnibus appropriations bill.

## House

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR 2016 AND BUDGET REQUESTS AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR 2017 (Amounts in Thousands)

	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	B111	B111 vs. Enacted	B111 vs. Request
<b>NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH</b>					
National Cancer Institute..... D	5,214,701	5,097,287	5,338,444	+123,743	+241,157
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute..... D	3,115,538	3,089,901	3,180,474	+74,838	+120,573
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research D	418,582	404,560	425,578	+9,996	+21,018
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)..... D	1,818,357	1,796,086	1,862,093	+43,736	+76,007
Juvenile Diabetes (mandatory)..... NA	(160,000)	(160,000)	(160,000)	---	---
Subtotal, NIDDK program level.....	1,968,357	1,936,086	2,012,093	+43,736	+76,007
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke..... D	1,698,139	1,659,416	1,751,049	+54,910	+91,633
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases D	4,829,928	4,700,548	4,738,883	+108,955	+38,335
National Institute of General Medical Sciences..... D	1,732,073	1,888,855	1,792,253	+80,180	+205,598
Evaluation Tap Funding..... NA	(780,000)	(847,489)	(791,598)	(+11,598)	(-55,891)
Subtotal, NIGMS program level.....	2,512,073	2,434,144	2,663,851	+71,778	+149,707

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	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	B111	B111 vs. Enacted	B111 vs. Request
<b>Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development</b>					
National Eye Institute..... D	1,399,802	1,316,807	1,373,408	+33,606	+56,601
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences... D	718,903	687,249	735,576	+19,673	+48,327
National Institute on Aging..... D	693,702	681,813	710,367	+16,665	+28,774
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases..... D	1,600,191	1,265,133	1,982,102	+381,911	+716,969
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders..... D	542,141	532,753	555,181	+13,040	+22,428
National Institute of Nursing Research..... D	423,031	416,146	434,126	+11,095	+17,980
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism... D	146,485	143,942	150,008	+3,623	+6,066
National Institute on Drug Abuse..... D	467,700	459,578	480,330	+12,630	+20,752
National Institute of Mental Health..... D	1,077,488	1,020,459	1,107,700	+30,212	+87,241
National Human Genome Research Institute..... D	1,548,390	1,459,700	1,599,747	+51,387	+140,047
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering..... D	518,956	509,762	531,438	+12,482	+21,676
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health..... D	346,795	334,025	366,978	+10,183	+22,953
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities..... D	130,789	126,673	134,549	+3,760	+7,876
Disparities..... D	279,718	279,690	286,446	+6,728	+6,756

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	FY 2016 Enacted	FY 2017 Request	B111	B111 vs. Enacted	B111 vs. Request
John E. Fogarty International Center..... D	70,447	89,175	72,141	+1,694	+2,966
National Library of Medicine (NLM)..... D	394,664	395,110	403,088	+8,422	+7,976
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.. D	685,417	660,131	712,795	+27,378	+52,664
Office of the Director..... D	1,558,600	1,432,859	1,678,167	+117,567	+245,308
Common Fund (non-add)..... NA	(883,039)	(555,039)	(783,039)	(+100,000)	(+210,000)
Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act (Common Fund add)..... D	12,600	12,600	12,600	---	---
Buildings and Facilities..... D	128,863	128,863	128,863	---	---
Total, National Institutes of Health (NIH).....	31,304,000	30,238,511	32,542,402	+1,238,402	+2,305,891
(Evaluation Tap Funding).....	(780,000)	(847,489)	(791,598)	(+11,598)	(-55,891)
Total, NIH Program Level.....	(32,084,000)	(31,084,000)	(33,334,000)	(+1,250,000)	(+2,250,000)

**Senate**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017—Continued**

(In thousands of dollars)

Item	2016 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2016 appropriation	Budget estimate
<b>NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH</b>					
National Cancer Institute .....	5,213,509	5,097,287	5,429,769	+ 216,260	+ 332,482
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute .....	3,113,533	3,069,901	3,242,685	+ 129,152	+ 172,784
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research .....	413,396	404,560	430,544	+ 17,148	+ 25,984
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIIDDK) .....	1,816,310	1,786,086	1,891,652	+ 75,342	+ 105,566
Juvenile Diabetes (mandatory) .....	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)		
Subtotal, NIIDDK program level .....	1,966,310	1,936,086	2,041,652	+ 75,342	+ 105,566
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke .....	1,695,180	1,659,416	1,803,306	+ 108,126	+ 143,890
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases .....	4,715,697	4,700,548	4,861,305	+ 245,608	+ 260,757
National Institute of General Medical Sciences .....	1,732,437	1,586,655	1,776,755	+ 44,318	+ 190,100
Evaluation Top Funding .....	(780,000)	(847,489)	(857,000)	(+ 77,000)	(+ 9,511)
Subtotal, NIGMS program level .....	2,512,437	2,434,144	2,633,755	+ 121,318	+ 199,611
Emilia Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development .....	1,398,948	1,316,697	1,395,811	+ 57,463	+ 79,204
National Eye Institute .....	707,998	687,249	740,828	+ 32,828	+ 53,577
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences .....	693,533	681,613	722,301	+ 28,768	+ 40,688
National Institute on Aging .....	1,598,246	1,265,133	2,067,138	+ 468,892	+ 802,005
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases .....	541,662	532,753	564,131	+ 22,469	+ 31,378
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders .....	422,936	416,146	441,778	+ 18,842	+ 25,632
National Institute of Nursing Research .....	145,912	143,942	151,965	+ 6,053	+ 8,023
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism .....	467,445	459,578	488,782	+ 21,337	+ 29,204
National Institute on Drug Abuse .....	1,050,550	1,020,459	1,103,032	+ 52,482	+ 82,573
National Institute of Mental Health .....	1,518,673	1,459,790	1,619,537	+ 100,864	+ 159,837
National Human Genome Research Institute .....	513,227	509,762	534,516	+ 21,289	+ 24,754
National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering .....	343,506	334,025	361,862	+ 17,556	+ 27,837
National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health .....	128,941	126,673	136,195	+ 6,254	+ 9,522
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities .....	280,680	279,680	292,323	+ 11,643	+ 12,643
John E. Fogarty International Center .....	70,117	69,175	73,026	+ 2,909	+ 3,851
National Library of Medicine (NLM) .....	395,684	395,110	412,097	+ 16,413	+ 16,987
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences .....	685,417	660,131	713,849	+ 28,432	+ 53,718
Office of the Director .....	1,571,200	1,445,459	1,443,752	- 127,448	- 1,707
Common Fund (non-add) .....	(675,639)	(565,639)	(780,542)	(+ 114,903)	(+ 224,903)
Gabielle Miller Kids First Research Act (Common Fund) (non-add) .....	(12,600)	(12,600)	(12,600)		
Transfers from Non-Recurring Expense Fund (non-add) .....			(300,000)	(+ 300,000)	(+ 300,000)
Subtotal .....	1,571,200	1,445,459	1,743,752	+ 172,552	+ 288,293
Buildings and Facilities .....	128,863	128,863	128,863		
NIH undistributed .....					
<b>Total, National Institutes of Health (NIH) .....</b>	<b>31,304,000</b>	<b>30,236,511</b>	<b>32,927,000</b>	<b>+ 1,623,000</b>	<b>+ 2,690,489</b>
(Evaluation Top Funding) .....	(780,000)	(847,489)	(857,000)	(+ 77,000)	(+ 9,511)
(Transfers from Non-Recurring Expense Fund) .....			(300,000)	(+ 300,000)	(+ 300,000)
<b>Total, NIH Program Level .....</b>	<b>(32,084,000)</b>	<b>(31,084,000)</b>	<b>(34,084,000)</b>	<b>(+ 2,000,000)</b>	<b>(+ 3,000,000)</b>