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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: MLA/AAHSL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**FR: DALE DIRKS AND JEREMY FARRIS**

**RE: FY10 HOUSE L-HHS APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE**

Throughout June and July, the House of Representatives has been working diligently to markup its twelve annual bills which fund the federal agencies. On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the full House Appropriations Committee approved its Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (L-HHS) Appropriations bill. This bill includes funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including particular agencies and programs of interest, including the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Of interest to the Taskforce, the FY 2010 House L-HHS-ED Appropriations bill includes:

- \$73.711 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), an increase of \$7.426 billion (1%) over FY09 and \$1.953 billion above the president's budget request.
- \$ 7.268 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an increase of \$72.479 million (1%) over FY09 and \$179.117 billion above the president's budget request.
- \$6.682 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an increase of \$67.294 million (1%) over FY09 and \$38.435 million above the president's budget request.
- \$31.259 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), an increase of \$941.764 million (3%) over FY09 and \$500 million above the president's budget request.

- \$3.551 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an increase of \$84.532 million (2.4%) over FY09 and \$25.556 million above the president's budget request.
- \$372.053 million for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), which is level funded with FY09 and the president's budget request.
- \$64.684 billion for the Department of Education (DoE), an increase of \$6.04 billion (0.93%) over FY09 and \$7.838 million below the president's budget request.

**Of interest to MLA, the L-HHS bill includes:**

**Health Resources and Services Administration:**

- \$15 million for the Telehealth Program, an increase of \$7.45 million over FY09, and \$6.8 million more than the president's request.

**National Institutes of Health:**

- \$342.6 million for the National Library of Medicine (NLM), an increase of \$11.8 million over FY 2009, and \$8.2 million more than the president's request.
- \$1.168 billion for the NIH Office of the Director, a decrease of \$78.2 million over FY 2009, and \$14.1 million less than the president's request.
  - Included in the amount for the NIH OD is \$534.1 million for the Common Fund.
- \$100 million for building and facilities design, construction and improvements for the various NIH campuses, a decrease of \$25.6 million under FY 2009 and the president's request.

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality:**

- \$32.3 million for Health Information Technology (HIT) which is \$12.5 less than FY09 and the president's budget request.

**Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology:**

- \$61.3 million for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT), an increase of \$111,000 over FY 09, and the same as the president's request.