115<sup>th</sup> Congress & the Trump Administration
• Congressional Review Act (CRA): allows Congress to vote to rescind regulations under certain conditions

• December 2016: Title X nondiscrimination regulation, “Compliance with Title X Requirements by Project Recipients in Selecting Subrecipients,” finalized

• January 18: Title X nondiscrimination rule goes in effect

• February 16: House approves H.J. Res 43, a resolution to overturn the Title X regulation by a vote of 230–188.

• March 30: Senate votes 51–50 (VP tiebreaker) to overturn regulation
FY17 Budget Reconciliation:

American Health Care Act
Quick Refresher: Appropriations v. the Budget

Appropriations:

• Annual process by which Congress determines funding levels for each federally funded program.
• Impacts only discretionary programs – programs that do not have a guaranteed pot of money. Title X is a discretionary program, but Medicaid is not.
• Requires 60 votes to pass in the Senate, as the bills are subject to filibuster.
• Requires the President’s signature.

Budget:

• Annual process by which Congress sets a cap on spending for the year.
• Requires a simple majority to pass in the House and the Senate.
• The budget resolution is what contains instructions for reconciliation.
• Does not require the President’s signature.
FY 2017 Recap

• FY 2017: October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

• Remaining FY 17 CR deal:
  • $286.5 million for Title X (level funding)
  • No new restrictions on family planning or abortion providers
  • Small funding reductions in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS and CDC’s STD programs
  • Small increase for Title V MCH block grant
President’s FY18 Budget: Sexual Health under Siege

- Reduces non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending by $54B
- Cuts > $627B from Medicaid, $27M from CDC’s STD prevention programs, $149M from CDC’s HIV prevention program
- Eliminates evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention, SSBG, Ryan White AETC & SPNS
- Seeks to bar Planned Parenthood from receiving any Labor–HHS funds
- Level funds Title X at $286.5M
FY 2018 Appropriations

Chance

ONE FREE
LATE PASS??
The Road Ahead for FY 2018: Showdown? Shutdown?…Likely CR

CHALLENGES:

• Controversial stumbling blocks kicked to FY 2018
• Sequestration
• Republicans need Democrats to pass appropriations
Administration Efforts on the Horizon

Exercising perceived administrative authority:

• Limit access to information
• Dismantle provider networks
• Gut protections in the name of religious freedom
Medicaid “Flexibility” and Other Changes

• CMS: strong interest in state flexibility

• Full-benefit program changes (i.e. state-by-state entitlement reform) – Maine, Wisconsin, Kentucky

• Family planning waivers: Test case -- Texas
Possible Freedom of Choice Waiver States
as of May 2017
What Should We Be Doing

National Partner Organizations

- Reinforce what is good policy for policy & opinion elites.
- Continually assess ongoing policy threats & potential impact

Individuals

- Continue your good work
- Engage in the political process at every opportunity

Remember there will be a reversal of fortune! Stay strong.
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