

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

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Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request: \$7.8 Billion

The CDC Coalition is a nonpartisan coalition of more than 140 organizations committed to strengthening our nation's prevention and health promotion programs. Our mission is to ensure that health promotion and disease prevention are given top priority in federal funding, to support a funding level for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that enables it to carry out its prevention mission, and to assure an adequate translation of new research into effective state, local and community-based programs to protect individuals from preventable death and disability and to improve the public health competence of current and future health professionals. Coalition members represent millions of public health workers, researchers, educators, and citizens served by CDC programs. **For FY 2013, the CDC Coalition supports funding of \$7.8 billion** for CDC's programs. Unfortunately, the president's FY 2013 budget proposal would **reduce CDC's budget authority by \$664 million**, for a total reduction of **\$1.4 billion since FY 2010**. At the same time, the administration and Congress increasingly rely on the Prevention and Public Health Fund and funding transfers from other agencies to backfill the cuts to CDC's budget authority.

CDC continues to be faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities, ranging from emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, eliminating health disparities, to combating the tobacco and obesity epidemics. In addition, CDC funds programs in injury control and violence prevention; health promotion efforts in schools and workplaces; governmental and community initiatives to prevent diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; improvements in nutrition and immunization; programs to monitor and combat environmental effects on health; interventions to improve oral health; efforts to prevent infant mortality and birth defects; strategies to prevent antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases; mental illness prevention; public health research and data collection and analysis on a host of vital statistics and other health indicators. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports state and local health organizations and academic institutions, many of which continue to struggle to meet growing needs with fewer resources.

CDC serves as the command center for our nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From pandemic flu preparedness and prevention activities to West Nile, smallpox and SARS detection, CDC is the nation's -- and the world's -- expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States and communities rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting Americans from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and improving the public's health. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs have been woefully underfunded to confront the myriad public health issues facing the country. **We urge you to support, at a minimum, a funding level of \$7.8 billion for CDC programs in FY 2013.**

CDC Program level*

FY11	FY12 Omnibus	FY13 President's Request	FY13 CDC Coalition Request
\$6,837	\$6,882	\$6,660	\$7,800

In millions of dollars

* Total includes budget authority, Prevention and Public Health Fund, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and PHS Evaluation transfers