



FFIS Weekly Update—November 29, 2016

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

[21st Century Cures Bill Addresses Opioids, Mental Health, Child Welfare, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#) Congressional negotiators unveiled a revised bill, which addresses a number of health and human services issues. The House is expected to vote on the bill this week. Specifically, the bill includes:

- **Additional funding for opioids.** It would transfer \$500 million annually for FYs 2017-2018 from the general fund to a new account—State Response to the Opioid Crisis—which would provide grants to states to supplement opioid abuse prevention and treatment activities. The funds could not be spent until appropriated by Congress.
- **Reductions to the Prevention and Public Health Fund.** It would rescind \$3.5 billion in FYs 2018-2024.
- **Mental health reform.** It would create new grant programs, reauthorize and modify existing programs, and require states to implement electronic verification systems for personal care and home health services under Medicaid. The provisions represent a compromise between the House and Senate bills described in [Issue Brief 16-54](#).
- **Child welfare financing reform.** It includes the bicameral, bipartisan child welfare bill that passed the House in June. The provisions of the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 are described in [Issue Brief 16-34](#).
- **TANF extension and modifications.** It includes the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act, which passed the House in June. The bill would direct \$100 million in FY 2017 TANF contingency funds for the new program. It also extends TANF and related programs through FY 2017. See [Issue Brief 16-37](#) for more details on the bill.

FFIS will provide additional detail on the legislation in forthcoming briefs.

[House to Consider Justice for All Reauthorization](#) The House is scheduled to consider S. 2577, the Justice for All Reauthorization Act. The bill addresses restitution and forensics issues, extends certain crime victims authorizations, modifies grant programs for prisoner safety (PREA), and implements new reporting requirements.

EDUCATION

[ED Releases Final Accountability Regulations](#) The Department of Education (ED) announced final regulations to implement accountability, data reporting, and state plan provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[SAMHSA Amends MHBG and SABG Plan and Report Guidance](#) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is seeking comments on revisions to the FY 2018-2019 plan for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG), which focus on health care integration, changes to assessment and planning activities, and evidence-based practices for early intervention.

[HRSA Releases New Health Workforce Reports](#) The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released several reports, including state-level projections of supply and demand for primary care practitioners for 2013-2025.

[ACF Releases Unaccompanied Children Data](#) The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published FY 2016 county-level data for unaccompanied children released to sponsors.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

[CMS Releases Enrollment Guidance for American Indians and Alaska Natives \(AI/ANs\)](#) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided strategies and other information for enrolling AI/ANs into Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

JUSTICE

[VAWA Seeks Comment on STOP Grant Worksheet](#) The Office on Violence Against Women (VAWA) is seeking comment on its worksheet for documenting state matching funds provided under the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) formula grant program.

LABOR

[DOL Releases Report on YouthBuild](#) The Department of Labor (DOL) published an evaluation of the impact of YouthBuild, entitled *Building a Future: Interim Impact Findings from the YouthBuild Evaluation*.

[Federal Court Issues Injunction on Overtime Rule](#) A federal district court judge granted an Emergency Motion for Preliminary Injunction, enjoining DOL from implementing and enforcing its Overtime Final Rule from December 1, 2016, which doubled (to \$47,476) the salary threshold under which certain workers receive overtime pay.

[ETA Revises WIOA Allotments](#) The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) revised FY 2017 advance allotments for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult and Dislocated Workers to reflect the 0.496 rescission under the FY 2017 continuing resolution. ETA also made a correction to a formula data factor.

[ETA Provides Resources for State UI Agencies](#) ETA published new guidance for state unemployment insurance (UI) agencies to support jobseekers, including a new framework for work search requirements, a planning tool, and an implementation guide for American Job Centers.

NUTRITION

[FNS Identifies SNAP E&T Best Practices](#) The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published a review of research on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) programs and practices, identifying best practices.