



FY23 Omnibus Spending Bill – More Health Care Provisions

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We continue to review the FY 2023 Omnibus Spending Bill as we wait for Congress to pass it. In addition to the top line items in our December 20 memo (click [here](#)), we wanted to highlight some additional noteworthy Medicare and Medicaid provisions, as well as funding for grants and additional funds to address mental health and opioid and substance abuse.

Click [here](#) for the text of the omnibus spending bill. HHS provisions begin on page 2992. Summaries below are extracted from a summary provided by the Senate Appropriations Committee - click [here](#) for the full document or [here](#) for the 7-page summary.

TITLE IV – MEDICARE PROVISIONS

Subtitle C — Medicare Mental Health Care Provisions

Sec. 4121. Establishes Medicare coverage for services provided by marriage and family therapists and licensed professional counselors beginning on January 1, 2024.

Sec. 4122. Supports physician workforce development by providing for the distribution of 200 additional Medicare-funded GME residency positions, with one-half of the total number of positions to psychiatry or psychiatry subspecialty residencies.

Sec. 4123. Establishes a 50 percent payment increase in Medicare Physician Fee Schedule payments rates for crisis psychotherapy services when furnished by a mobile unit, as well as additional settings other than a facility or physician office, beginning on January 1, 2024.

Subtitle E — Health Care Tax Provisions

Sec. 4151. Extends through Calendar Year 2024 the flexibility to exempt telehealth services from the deductible in high-deductible health plans (HDHPs) that can be paired with a Health Savings Account (HSA).

TITLE V — MEDICAID AND CHIP PROVISIONS

Subtitle B — Medicaid and CHIP Coverage

Sec. 5111. Extends funding for CHIP for two years through fiscal year 2029.

Sec. 5112. Requires children to be provided with 12 months of continuous coverage in Medicaid and CHIP effective January 1, 2024.

Sec. 5113. Makes permanent a state option to allow states to continue to provide 12 months of continuous coverage during the postpartum period in Medicaid or CHIP.

Sec. 5114. Extends funding for the Medicaid Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration program at \$450 million per year through fiscal year 2027.

HRSA AND SAMSHA GRANTS

The bill includes funding for HRSA and SAMSHA grants. Click [here](#) to review the report language identifying HRSA grant programs beginning on page 10 and SAMSHA grant programs beginning on page 95.

MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

- \$1.01 billion for the Mental Health Block Grant to provide mental health treatment services and support community mental health services.
- \$501.6 million for the Suicide Prevention Lifeline to successfully transition to 988.
- \$385 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.
- \$140 million for Project Aware to expand efforts to identify and help children and youth in need of mental health care.
- \$130 million for Children’s Mental Health Services.
- \$111 million for Department of Education programs designed to increase the availability of mental health services in schools, including by expanding training programs to prepare new school counselors, social workers and psychologists.

OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE FUNDING

The bill includes \$4.9 billion, an increase of over \$345 million over FY2022 levels, to address opioids and substance abuse.

- Nearly \$1.6 billion to states to address the opioid epidemic through the State Opioid Response Grant.
- A \$100 million increase for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.
- \$111 million for medication assisted treatment.
- \$505 million for opioid overdose surveillance and prevention at CDC.
- \$80 million to address the needs of children affected by the opioid crisis.
- \$145 million to help affected rural communities combat the opioid epidemic.

We continue to review the bill for key provisions and will keep you updated on the legislation’s progress.

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