

# 2017 Look Behind & 2018 Look Ahead

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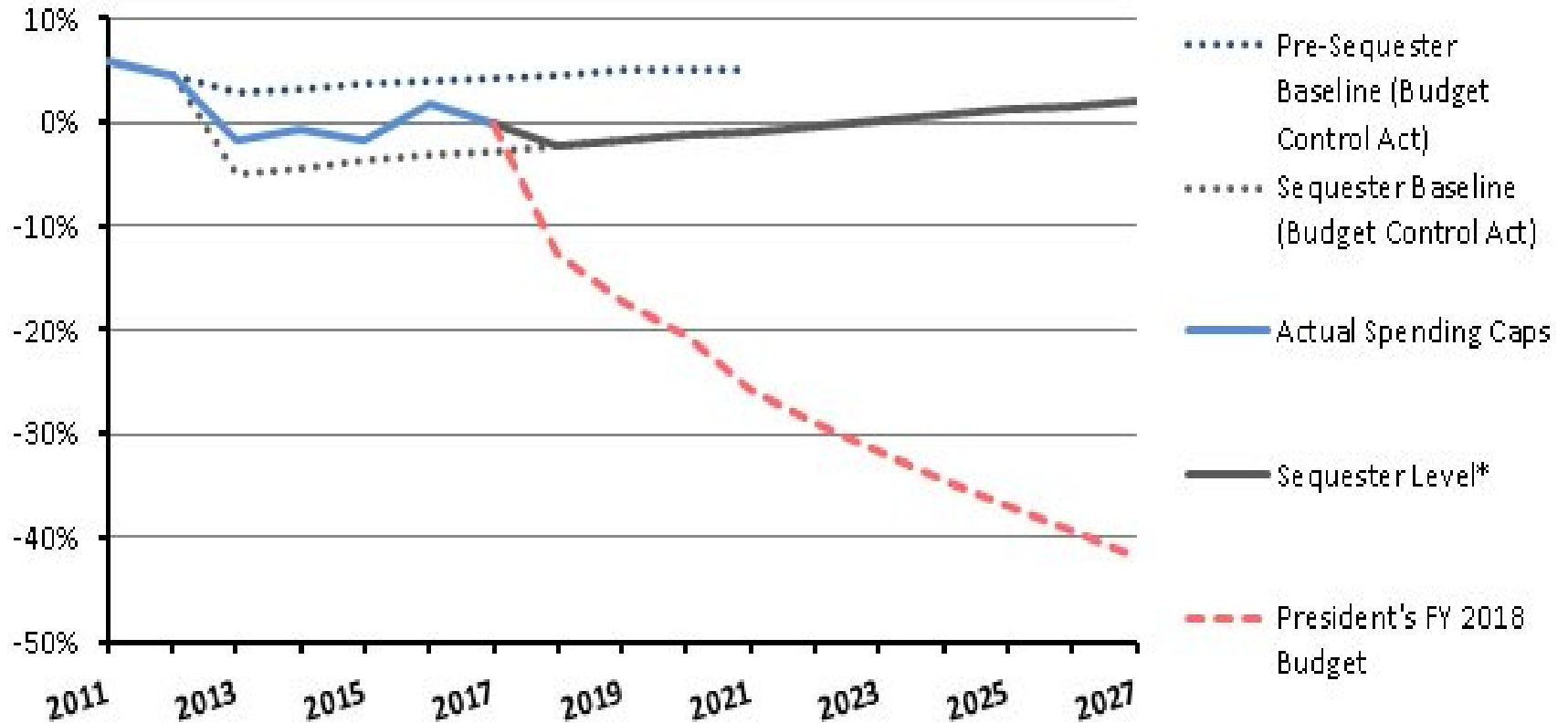
# The Whirlwind of 2017... Portending the Future?



- Skinny FY18 budget
- FY17 Omnibus
- House health reform efforts
- BCRA 1, BCRA 2, BCRA 3, Skinny Repeal
- Graham Cassidy
- Opioid emergency—to declare or not to declare?
- CHIP expiration
- MIECHV expiration
- Shutdown threats
- CHAMPIONING Healthy Kids Act
- Bipartisan efforts in the Senate
- Emergency supplemental
- Tax reform "fixes"
- HHS Secretary & ASH confirmation
- Senate margin thinner (51-49)

## Limits on NONDEFENSE Spending

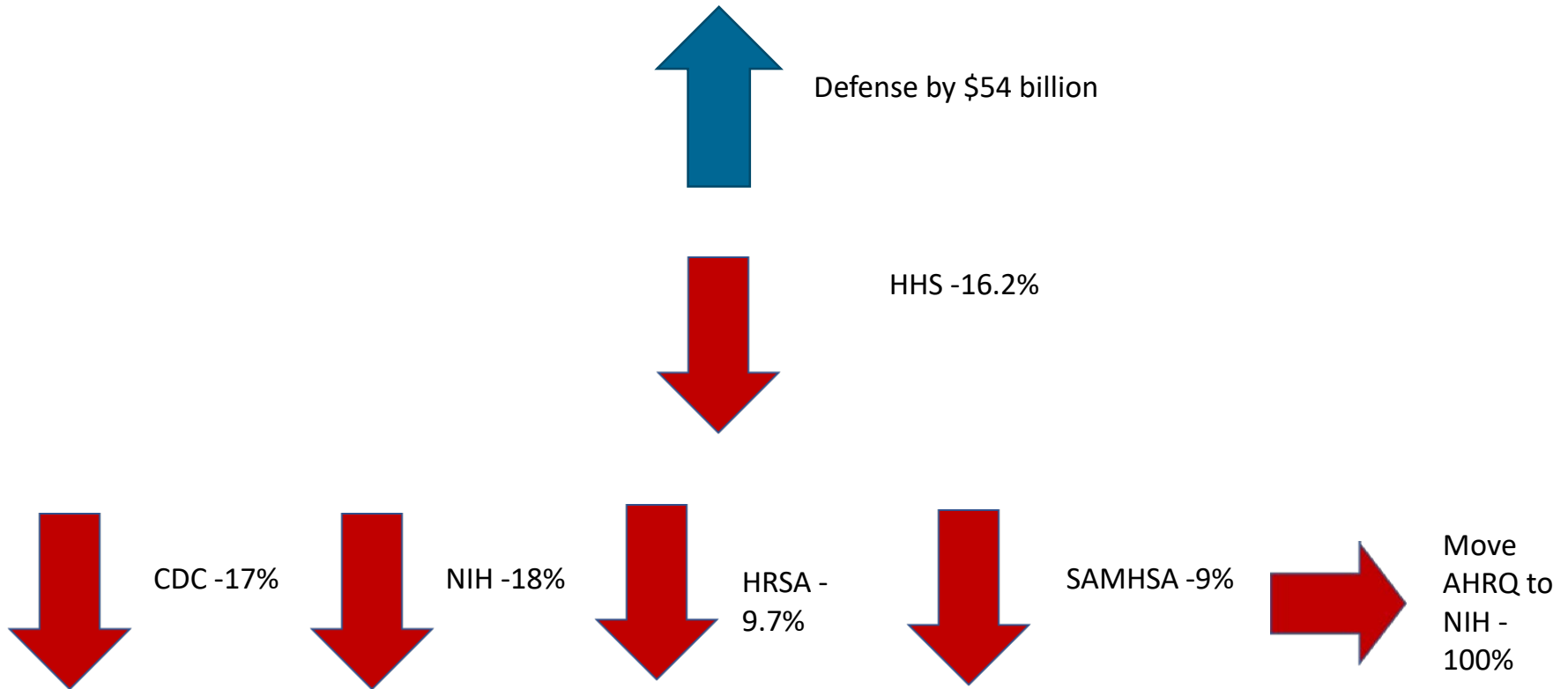
Estimated percent change from current year, inflation adjusted



\*Current caps last through 2021; spending is projected beyond.

Based on past budget resolutions, the Budget Control Act and subsequent legislation, and the FY 2018 OMB's summary tables. © AAAS 2017

# President's FY18 Budget Proposal



# House FY18 LHHS Appropriations Bill



302(b) allocation -\$5 billion less than FY17



+\$1.1 billion for NIH



-\$200 million for CDC



-\$306 million for SAMHSA



-\$398 million for HRSA

**CDC Climate Change**

**HRSA Title X**

**HRSA Public Health & Preventive Medicine Programs**

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**

**REACH**



# Senate FY18 LHHS Appropriations Bill



302(b) allocation -\$800 million less than FY17



+\$2 billion for NIH



-\$65 million for CDC



+\$35 million for HRSA



+\$12 million for SAMHSA



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December CR



January Federal  
shutdown  
showdown or  
another CR?



## Key early 2018 milestones:

January – shutdown? CR?

February – 2019 budget?

March – key legislative meetings in Washington



**Budget Cuts**  
Just Ahead

# Lessons Learned from 2017

- Advocacy matters. As a result of efforts the PPHF wasn't eliminated and PBR wasn't enacted.
- However, despite a lot of effort, increased media attention, letters, meetings and more, public health “successes” were due more to intra-party warfare



- There was more outrage over the CDC's supposed “banned words” than there has been all year regarding cuts to public health programs

# Lessons Learned from 2017

- Prevention and Public Health Fund continues to be seen as a cash-cow/hole filler; means advocacy with appropriators is critical

	<b>CURRENT LAW PPHF Funding Levels</b>	<b>H.R. 1370 PPHF Funding Levels</b>	<b>PROPOSED CUT (Current Law/H.R.1370 )</b>
FY18	\$900 million	\$900 million	\$0
FY19	\$900 million	\$800 million	- \$100 million
FY20	\$1 billion	\$800 million	- \$200 million
FY21	\$1 billion	\$800 million	- \$200 million
FY22	\$1.5 billion	\$1.25 billion	- \$250 million
FY23	\$1 billion	N/A	
FY24	\$1.7 billion	N/A	
FY25	\$2 billion	N/A	
FY26	\$2 billion	N/A	
FY27	\$2 billion	N/A	

- Razor thin Senate majority means advocacy in Senate more important than ever

# Lessons Learned from 2017

- There are no “sacred cows”

**Kids' health care  
can't wait.**

**Renew CHIP now.**



# 2018 Look Ahead

- Senate margin – what does it mean?
- Individual mandate repeal – collapse of market place?
- Prevention and Public Health Fund – Hello, Goodbye?
- At the state level – 36 gubernatorial turnovers (75%)
  
- 22 x 22 Campaign for CDC and other public health funding
  
- Development of mature public health advocates
  - Contributions to candidates
  - Mobilize for 2018 races
  - Development of PHPAC – The Public Health Political Action Committee

# New Year's Resolutions

- Be an active (versus armchair) public health advocate
  - Get to know your Members of Congress and their staff
  - Join a professional association and get involved
  - Consider contributing (time or treasure) to 2018 campaigns
  - Communicate the importance of prevention and public health
- Stay educated and informed
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