Public Health Funding Outlook

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Overview

• Prevention and Public Health Fund
• Budget Control Act Caps
• Return of Sequestration
• Debt Limit Threat
Prevention and Public Health Fund

• Established in the ACA “to provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public health care costs.”
  – Agencies Funded by PPHF: CDC, SAMHSA, AHRQ, ACL, HRSA
• ~$1 billion annually
• Off-label uses
• Obamacare “slush-fund” (but not really...)
• ~12% of the Budget for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
The Budget Control Act

- Established caps on “discretionary” funding
- Failure of the Super Committee leads to across the board cuts and a further reduction in the caps
- Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015
  - Balanced Approach
  - Parity
Full Sequester Returns Next Year

- $3 billion in the NDD cap
- $12+ billion other changes
- ~$15 billion less available in FY18
POTUS CDC Budget Request

• Cut CDC by 17% Overall
• Cuts across infectious and chronic disease categories
• New Block Grants
• Assumes funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund
In Summary...

• Passage of the AHCA will eliminate ~$1 billion for public health programs.

• Additional pressures from budget caps will make it difficult for Congress to fund CDC and other public health programs.

• In the current environment, pressure to reduce spending will continue.