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TO: Deans of U.S. Dental Schools
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RE: Short-Term Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017

On Sept. 29, President Obama signed into law legislation to keep the federal government operating through Dec. 9, 2016. The short-term continuing resolution (CR) means Congress will have to revisit funding the federal government for fiscal year (FY) 2017 after the presidential election.

The CR provides funding levels based on FY16 appropriations, reduced by 0.5% across the board. The following chart details programs of interest to academic dentistry and dental and craniofacial research, and the amounts appropriated for those programs through Dec. 9, 2016.

| Program | ADEA's Request FY17 | Appropriation FY16 | Continuing Resolution |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Title VII Oral Health Training | \$35,873,000 | \$35,873,000 | \$6,846,310 |
| Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) | \$31,326,000 | \$30,250,000 | \$5,772,560 |
| National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) | \$452,000,000 | \$415,582,000 | \$79,305,340 |
| Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) | \$14,189,000 | \$14,189,000 | \$2,707,680 |
| Ryan White-Part F Dental Reimbursement Program | \$18,000,000 | \$13,122,000 | \$2,504,070 |

- **Opioid Epidemic Funding**

Additionally, the CR allocates \$37 million to begin implementation of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), signed into law earlier this year to address the opioid crisis. There is \$17 million for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and \$20 million for Department of Justice programs. The funds are not designated to particular programs, therefore the Secretary of HHS and the Attorney General, respectively, will be able to allocate them as they deem appropriate.

- **Zika Virus Funding**

Lastly, the CR provides supplemental funding for Zika response and preparedness. Approximately \$1.1 billion has been appropriated, including \$933 million in domestic funding and \$175 million in international funding. Within the domestic funds, \$6 million is designated for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program for providing primary health services in areas affected by the Zika virus or other vector-borne diseases.

The FY17 funding debate will resume in earnest when Congress returns after the elections on Nov. 14; ADEA will continue to monitor and provide updates. If you have questions, please contact Yvonne Knight, J.D., ADEA Chief Advocacy Officer, at KnightY@adea.org.