

CHIP Reauthorization included in the Continuing Resolution (CR) leads Government Shutdown

The FY 2018 Budget ends on Jan. 19, so a Continuing Resolution is needed to avoid a government shutdown. NHMA supports including the 6 year extension of CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) to increase access to healthcare for children. A new estimate from CBO (requested from Senator Wyden (D-OR) that funding CHIP for 10 years would save the government \$6 billion. The House passed a six-year CHIP reauthorization in November with about two dozen Democrats. However, the bill went nowhere in the Senate because of Democratic objections over how Republicans want to pay for it. Republicans sought to pay for CHIP by charging wealthy seniors higher Medicare premiums and raiding an Obamacare disease prevention fund.