

## President's FY 2025 Budget Affirms Commitment to Ending the HIV Epidemic in an Austere Budget Environment March 20, 2024

## **Highlights**

President Biden released a fiscal year 2025 budget proposal on March 7 that continues support for key HIV programs and initiatives. The budget once again calls for the creation of a national PrEP program and a national hepatitis C elimination program. Both would be created with mandatory funding, which is not subject to annual appropriations by Congress but is more difficult to secure.

In other highlights, the president proposes to increase funding for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases by \$19 million and proposes \$10 million for the Department of Justice to modernize outdated HIV criminal statutes. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program would receive a nominal \$10 million increase to support the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative, and the Indian Health Service EHE program would be increased by \$10 million.

Nearly all other HIV programs funded would be flat funded, including all Parts of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infection and tuberculosis prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The president's budget reflects the spending levels agreed to in the debt ceiling agreement but does not reflect the investments needed for HIV, STI and viral hepatitis programs and the Bio-Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program, which would provide loan repayment to ID and HIV health care professionals.

HIVMA will advocate with other HIV community members to urge a continued investment in ensuring federal HIV prevention, care, treatment and housing programs have the resources necessary to make meaningful progress in ending HIV as an epidemic. Join IDSA's and HIVMA's <u>Member Advocacy Program</u> to receive the latest policy updates and support the issues that directly impact the ID and HIV landscape.

Please see below for additional information on the president's budget plan for HIV-related programs. Comparisons are made, when possible, to FY 2023 levels, as Congress has not yet approved the FY 2024 budget. Please see **IDSA's release** for funding details on other infectious diseases programs.

## Federal HIV-Related Programs and the President's FY 2025 Budget

**EHE Initiative:** The president's budget continues to invest in the EHE initiative by directing resources to targeted jurisdictions to expand prevention, care and treatment. The budget includes \$220 million across the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to advance efforts to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This work will reach disproportionately affected populations, including gay and bisexual men of color, transgender and cisgender Black/African American women, and people who inject drugs.

**A National PrEP Program:** This is the third year the budget proposes creating a national PrEP program to expand access to PrEP for uninsured or underinsured individuals and reduce barriers for Medicaid

beneficiaries. The budget proposes \$9.8 billion in mandatory funding over 10 years to cover PrEP drugs and laboratory and ancillary services to be provided by a network of community-based providers.

**National Hepatitis C Elimination Program:** The FY 2025 budget includes a new HHS-wide proposal to eliminate hepatitis C infections in the United States, specifically focusing on high-risk populations. This five-year program will increase access to curative medications and expand the implementation of complementary efforts such as screening, testing and provider capacity.

**Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program:** Except for an additional \$10 million above FY 2023, for a total of \$175 million for Ryan White Program EHE funding, the president proposed \$2.571 billion, flat compared with FY 2023, for all parts of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** The FY 2025 budget includes \$1.391 billion, flat compared with FY 2023, for HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STI and TB prevention programs.

**National Institutes of Health:** The FY 2025 budget includes \$6.581 billion for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an increase of more than \$19 million over FY 2023 funding, in addition to \$26 million, flat compared with FY 2023, for the NIH-sponsored Centers for AIDS Research and HIV/AIDS Research Centers to continue efforts toward accomplishing HHS' initiative to end the HIV epidemic in the United States by 2030.

**Indian Health Services:** The FY 2025 budget includes \$15 million, an increase of \$10 million above FY 2023, to end HIV as an epidemic and combat viral hepatitis.

**Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS:** The FY 2025 budget includes \$505 million, level with FY 2023, to address the housing needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

**Global Health Programs:** The FY 2025 budget includes a decrease in funding for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria from \$1.65 to \$1.191 billion, proposes a disproportionate \$700 million cut to global health programs and includes flat funding for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief at the current \$4.395 billion level.