

National Indian Health Board



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PROPOSED CONTINUING RESOLUTION CONTINUES CURRENT IHS FUNDING LEVELS WITH ADJUSTMENTS

With the current Continuing Resolution (CR) expiring on March 4th, Congress is racing to enact a budget proposal to fund the federal government through the remaining seven months of FY 2011. The House Appropriations Committee has proposed H.R. 1, a bill that would cut \$100 billion from the President's original FY 2011 budget request (\$60 billion from current funding levels) in order to achieve deficit reduction. While a number of government agencies and programs would suffer major reductions - and even elimination - under this proposal, the Indian Health Service (IHS) remains intact by FY 2010 standards. However, the proposed funding levels in the CR remain less than the levels proposed by President's FY 2011 budget request.

Comparison of Proposed Continuing Resolution for FY 2011 for Indian Health Service with Current FY 2010 IHS Funding and President's FY 2011 IHS Budget Request
(Dollars in Thousands)

IHS Program	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2011 President's Budget Request	Proposed Continuing Resolution (CR)	CR change over FY 2010	% change to FY 2010 by CR	CR change over FY 2011 Request	% change to FY 2011 Request by CR
<i>Contract Health Services</i>	\$779,347	\$862,765	\$862,765	\$83,418	10.7%	\$0	0.0%
<i>Contract Support Costs</i>	\$398,490	\$444,332	\$444,332	\$45,842	11.5%	\$0	0.0%
Total Services	\$3,657,618	\$3,961,187	\$3,883,886	\$226,268	6.2%	(\$77,301)	-2.0%
Total Facilities	\$394,757	\$445,242	\$255,497	(\$139,260)	-35.3%	(\$189,745)	-74.3%
Total IHS Budget	\$4,052,375	\$4,406,429	\$4,139,383	\$87,008	2.1%	(\$267,046)	-6.5%

H.R. 1 would fund total IHS services at \$3.88 billion, which is about \$226 million more than FY 2010 levels but \$77 million less than the President's FY 2011 request. Some IHS programs even enjoy increased funding, including an \$83 million increase to Contract Health Services and a \$46 million increase in Contract Support Costs, which were both funded at the level of the President's FY 2011 request. IHS Facilities funding would be cut by \$139 million under this proposal, from \$394 million to \$255 million.

Multiple amendments have been filed on both sides of the aisle to H.R. 1. The House is expected to vote on H.R. 1 before the upcoming President's Day recess set to begin Friday. Following House's passage, the measure will then be sent to the Senate. In order to avoid a government shut down, an additional temporary CR likely will need to be enacted prior to March 4th.

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