Federal Funding Appropriations

- Senate appropriations mark up will be first or second week in June
- Congress to complete the budget process by September 30, 2019
  - (Federal 2020 fiscal year begins 10/1/19)
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• The Initiative will target new resources to the 48 highest burden counties, Washington, D.C., San Juan, Puerto Rico, and 7 states with a substantial rural HIV burden.
• Will focus on innovations for expanded treatment, prevention, surveillance and workforce.
• The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health is coordinating this cross-agency Plan.
  • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  • Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
  • Indian Health Service (IHS)
  • National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  • Office of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Health
  • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
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Preparing Phase 1 Jurisdictions for Initiative

- Local Community EtHE Plans
  - CDC is preparing a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) to provide resources that will support the drafting of local community EtHE plans by Phase 1 jurisdictions
  - Funded with FY19 Minority AIDS Initiative Funds
  - NOFO will be managed by CDC on behalf of HRSA and CDC
  - Build on existing HIV planning activities and EtHE plans
  - Focus on community engagement in planning and execution of plans
  - Anticipated NOFO publication in Summer 2019
  - Anticipated award date is late September 2019
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Preparing Phase 1 Jurisdictions for Initiative

- **Main EtHE NOFO**
  - Award contingent on Congressional FY20 appropriation
  - CDC is drafting a 5-year EtHE NOFO
  - Anticipated NOFO publication in summer/fall 2019 (timing with HRSA NOFO)
  - Proposed award date is January 2020 (subject to the availability of funding)
  - Announcement of this NOFO will occur before award for Local Community EtHE Plans NOFO to inform content of those plans
  - CDC hosted three 2-hour calls with stakeholders for input regarding this NOFO (e.g., HIV community, public health, clinical care)
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• Every state in the South is either a state targeted in this plan or has high burden counties.

• The plan has proposed $291 m in the first year, with much more to be proposed in following years.

• $6 m in the first year will go to NIH's Centers for AIDS Research to do implementation science and guide best practices for the 6 of the 19 CFARs are located at universities in the South.

• $140 m will go to the CDC to do prevention and surveillance efforts in the areas targeted in the Plan. This funding could go to colleges and universities that engage in prevention activities and have received CDC funding in the past.
Cost of Healthcare

- Congress and the Administration want to change the way that the federal government pays for prescription drugs through the programs it oversees, such as: Medicare, Medicaid, and Affordable Care Act.
- Opportunities for researchers and providers to study the impact of these changes on access and outcomes for patients.
State of Florida Policy Highlights

Infectious Disease Elimination Act (HB 171/SB 366)

• Authorizes certain eligible entities to establish sterile needle and syringe exchange programs.
• Expands disease-preventing program from Miami-Dade to all of Florida.
• Needles will be distributed as medically necessary.
• Communities can opt in by county.
• County and local funds can be used to operate these exchanges.
• No longer a pilot program.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

- Florida Legislature concluded business Saturday, May 4th
- Over 1,800 bills were submitted | 195 were passed
- Passed a $91.1 billion budget
- Education | $783 million increase in K-12 education funding
- Water Quality and protection | $682.6 million
- Hurricane Michael Recovery | $1.85 billion
- Total Reserves | $3.4 billion
- Tax relief package | $90 million | includes sales taxes “holiday” periods on back-to-school items and for hurricane season supplies. A reduction in the sales tax on commercial leases from the current rate of 5.7% down to a rate of 5.5% was also part of the tax package.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

• HB 21 | Removing the “certificate of need” system for hospitals, nursing homes and hospices.
• $500,000 | SB 2500 | memorial for victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting
• HB 19/HB7073 creates a Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program for Florida within the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). The legislation provides eligibility criteria for prescription drugs, for Canadian suppliers, and for importers under the program and requires the AHCA to request federal approval of the program. Further, the bill requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to establish the International Prescription Drug Importation Program.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

• HB 366 Infectious Disease Elimination Programs
• Three years after lawmakers approved a pilot needle-exchange program for Miami-Dade County through the University of Miami, legislation is being considered to expand the program.
• Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA) allows counties to establish sterile needle and syringe exchange programs through the adoption of a county ordinance and satisfaction of the specified program requirements:
  ✓ one-to-one needle exchange ratio
  ✓ prohibition on the use of state, county, or municipal funds
  ✓ must be funded through grants and donations from private sources.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

Senate Health Policy Committee Health Care Package

HB 843 is a comprehensive health care bill that:

• Creates the dental student loan repayment program.
• Creates the Donated Dental Services Program.
• Requires hospital notification to patients of the rate of hospital required infections, rating of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and System survey and the 15-day readmission rate.
• Requires hospital notification to the patient’s primary provider of admission or discharge from a hospital.
• Allows an ambulatory surgical center to keep patients for 24 hours and allows the Agency to adopt rules that establish minimum standards for pediatric patients.
• Makes changes to the pediatric cardiac technical advisory panel.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

- Requires notification to the patient of observation status rather than in patient status at a hospital.
- Provides that CLIA certified providers are not clinics for purposes of Chapter 400, F.S.
- Contains language dealing with restrictive covenants for physicians.
- Modifies the direct primary care agreements to be direct health care agreements.
- Prohibits step therapy when the insured has previously been approved to receive the prescription drug through the completion of a step therapy protocol and the previous insurance company had paid for it within the last 90 days.
- Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to research and analyze the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the relevant requirements and provisions of general law and the State Constitution and develop a report and recommendations addressing this state’s prospective entrance into the compact as a member state while remaining consistent with those requirements and provisions. OPPAGA is required to submit its report and recommendations to the Governor, the Senate President, and House Speaker no later than October 1, 2019.
Florida 2019 Legislative Session

Closing the Gap Grant Program

• HB 1045 Adds a priority focus area eligible for funding under the Closing the Gap (CTG) grant program to include Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.

• The bill removes the requirement that up to 20 percent of any grants awarded under the program be set-aside for projects related to Front Porch Florida Communities.

• The bill also prohibits the Department of Health (DOH) from establishing a minimum or maximum award amount, requires the DOH to determine grant award amounts based on the merit of the application, and requires the DOH to award grants in various regions of the state.

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Florida 2019 Legislative Session

SB 642 HIV Prevention Justice Act – Failed to pass

2020 Legislative Session
• Interim Committee weeks begin in September
• January 14, 2020 session starts