



Senate's Proposed Elimination of Prevention and Public Health Fund Would Cripple Immunization Efforts Nationwide

Rockville, MD (June 23, 2017) – Claire Hannan, Executive Director of the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), issued the following statement:

"Immunization program managers are deeply concerned that the Senate's Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017 (H.R. 1628) eliminates the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) provides approximately 48% of federal immunization funding for state, local and territorial programs to assure high vaccination rates, respond to disease outbreaks, educate doctors and parents about vaccines, enforce school vaccination requirements, and conduct a host of other activities to protect the public from disease. PPHF funds are part of a long history of federal support for immunization and disease prevention that has resulted in high vaccination rates and saved thousands of lives. Cutting funding now would have a devastating impact."

AIM is a nonprofit organization representing federally-funded immunization programs in the United States, 8 U.S. Territories, and 6 large urban areas (Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York City, Philadelphia, San Antonio and Houston). AIM members, the immunization program managers of these federally-funded programs, are dedicated to the development and implementation of sound immunization policies and to working with partners nationwide to reduce, eliminate or eradicate vaccine-preventable disease.

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