Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Further Health Extenders Act of 2019

Section-by-Section Summary

DIVISION A – FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

Section 101. Extension of FY 2019 Funding.

Section 101 extends funding at last year’s levels until December 20, 2019; and
- ensures the Census Bureau has full funding for a fair and accurate 2020 Census, including funding for Mobile Questionnaire Assistance Centers;
- increases the amounts available to the Indian Health Service to account for changes in the number of facilities for which it is responsible;
- increases funds available to respond to the Ebola outbreak in Africa;
- and adds new provisions (sections 146 – 150 below) to the existing continuing resolution.

Section 146. Ensuring Current Caseload in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program is Maintained.

Section 146 ensures that the current caseload in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which serves low-income seniors, is maintained.

Section 147. Allowing for a 3.1% Pay Raise for Uniformed Services.

Section 147 allows for all members of the uniformed services to receive a 3.1% pay raise next year.

Section 148. Spending of Funds at Department of Interior on Administration of Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program.

Section 148 allows the Department of the Interior to spend funds on administration of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program.

Section 149. Death Gratuity for Widow of Late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings.
Section 149 appropriates for fiscal year 2020 a death gratuity of $174,000 to Maya M. Rockeymoore, the widow of the late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings.

Section 150. Technical Provision Related to Discretionary Sequestration.

Section 150 is a technical provision to delay any discretionary sequestration, if needed, until all full-year funding bills are in place.

DIVISION B – HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDERS AND OTHER MATTERS

TITLE I- PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDERS

Section 1101. Extension for Community Health Centers, the National Health Service Corps, and Teaching Health Centers that Operate GME Programs.

Section 1101 extends the Community Health Centers Fund through December 20, 2019. Additionally, Section 1101 extends funding through December 20, 2019 at current levels for the National Health Service Corps and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program, two health care workforce programs that provide resources to support the training of health providers in underserved areas.

Section 1102. Diabetes Programs.

Section 1102 extends funding through December 20, 2019 for the Special Diabetes Program, which supports research on the prevention and cure for Type 1 diabetes, and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, which provides funds for diabetes treatment and prevention to the Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health programs.

TITLE II- OTHER HEALTH EXTENDERS

Section 1201. Extension of Sexual Risk Avoidance Program.

Section 1201 extends funding through December 20, 2019 for the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education grant program, which provides grants to implement programs that educate adolescents on relationships, resisting sexual coercion, and abstaining from sexual activity.

Section 1202. Extension of Personal Responsibility Education Program.

Section 1202 extends funding through December 20, 2019 for the State Personal Responsibility Education Program, which provides grants to fund evidence-based education programs that inform adolescents about the prevention of teen pregnancy and sexually-transmitted infections, among other topics.

TITLE III- MEDICAID EXTENDERS

Section 1301. Extension of Community Mental Health Services Demonstration Program.
Section 1301 extends the authorization of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic demonstration program to run through December 20, 2019. The demonstration allows eight states to deliver comprehensive mental and substance use disorder treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries at an enhanced provider rate.

Section 1302. Temporary Increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for Territories Under Medicaid Program.

Section 1302 extends the current 100 percent Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for the territories through December 20, 2019.

Section 1303. Delay of Reductions in Medicaid DSH Allotments.

Section 1303 delays the reduction in the allotments for Medicaid disproportionate share hospitals (DSH) through December 20, 2019.

TITLE IV- MEDICARE EXTENDERS

Section 1401. Extension of Funding for Quality Measure Endorsement, Input, and Selection.

Section 1401 extends funding through December 20, 2019 for a contract with a consensus-based entity, such as the National Quality Forum (NQF), to support activities related to quality measurement and performance improvement in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Section 1402. Extension of Funding Outreach and Assistance for Low-Income Programs.

Section 1402 extends funding through December 20, 2019 for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs, Area Agencies on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, and the contract with the National Center for Benefits and Outreach and Enrollment. These programs support outreach, enrollment, and education activities for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

Section 1403. Extension of Appropriations and Transfers to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund; Extension of Certain Health Insurance Fees.

Section 1403 extends the ability for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to receive funding from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund through December 20, 2019. PCORI is a publicly funded non-profit organization which invests in comparative clinical effectiveness research, which compares at least two alternative health care options.

TITLE V- HUMAN SERVICES EXTENDERS

Section 1501. Extension of Demonstration Projects to Address Health Professions Workforce Needs.

Section 1501 extends funding for the Health Profession Opportunity Grant (HPOG) demonstration through December 20, 2019. In fiscal year 2020, local HPOG grantees will enter the fifth year of demonstration grants which require them to use a career pathways approach to
help disadvantaged workers enter health professions in need of workers. In addition to the
grants, HPOG funding supports rigorous evaluation and technical assistance to grantees.

**Section 1502. Extension of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and
Related Programs.**

Section 1502 extends funding for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program
(TANF), the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) and related programs, including the TANF
Contingency Fund through December 20, 2019 without any policy changes. Full first quarter
TANF payments have already been made, but the extension will allow the Department of Health
and Human Services to match state child care expenditures and make scheduled contingency
fund payments.

**TITLE VI- MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES**

**Section 1601. Alaska Native Regional Health Entities.**

Section 1601 clarifies that Alaska Native regional health entities may receive
disbursements from the Indian Health Service for purposes of providing health care services to
Alaska Native Villages or Alaska Native Village corporations within their service areas.

**Section 1602. Medicaid Improvement Fund.**

Section 1602 reduces the Medicaid Improvement Fund from $2.387 billion, to $1.96
billion.

**TITLE VII – OTHER MATTERS**

**Section 1701. United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Fund Clarification Act.**

Section 1701 would make a number of improvements to ensure fairness and equity for
widows and children of 9/11 victims and other victims of state sponsored terrorism.

**Section 1702. Highway Trust Fund Rescission Repeal.**

Section 1702 repeals a section of the FAST Act that would rescind $7.6 billion in
highway funding from States in FY 2020.

**Section 1703. Extending Provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.**

Section 1703 extends three provisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act that
are currently scheduled to sunset on December 15, 2019 through March 15, 2020.

**TITLE VIII- BUDGETARY EFFECTS**

**Section 1801. Budgetary Effects.**

Section 1801 is a technical provision to exempt the budgetary totals from being entered
on the Senate or statutory Pay-As-You-Go scorecards. Rolls forward any debit on those
scorecards remaining at the end of the 1st session of the 116th Congress to the 2nd Session’s scorecard.