



Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Budget Requests Highlights of Interest to CHIME

On Monday, March 28th, the Biden Administration released its [FY 2023 Budget Request](#). The Administration's budget is considered a messaging document intended to convey policy priorities. The budget must be deliberated and approved by Congress.

Quick facts:

- \$5.8 trillion in total spending
- \$1.6 trillion in discretionary spending: \$813 billion was requested for defense-related programs and \$769 billion for domestic spending
- \$127.3 billion in discretionary funding for HHS

Breakdown of the agencies and accounts that the CHIME Public Policy team is following:

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC): \$104 million requested for ONC, an increase of \$40 million from the FY22 enacted level. Breakdown:

- \$52 million for ONC's standards, certification, and interoperability work, an increase of \$20 million above the FY 2022 enacted level. ONC's certification work will focus on implementing rulemaking and investing in standards updates to increase interoperability and improve equity through health IT activities.
- \$39 million for ONC to advance the implementation of the Common Agreement through the three-year Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Roadmap published at the beginning of 2022. This is an increase of \$18 million above the FY 2022 enacted level.
- \$13 million for ONC to provide executive, clinical, and scientific leadership to coordinate outreach between ONC and key federal stakeholders, allowing ONC to maximize its impact.
- The budget includes a legislative proposal to provide ONC with the authority to create an advisory process to issue opinions on information blocking practices. This would allow individuals or entities to request advisory opinions from ONC concerning whether the requestor's practice or proposed practice is considered "information blocking". All issued advisory opinions issued would be made publicly available and legally binding.

HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR): \$60 million requested for OCR, including \$21 million in civil monetary settlement funds to support Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) enforcement activities.

HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG): \$454 million requested for OIG, including \$5 million to execute investigative and enforcement authorities related to information blocking. OIG will invest in hiring personnel, training them, and funding investigative and enforcement litigation.

Telehealth: \$45 million for telehealth to promote direct-to-consumer telehealth services, provider-to-provider telementoring, and a telehealth data collection infrastructure to track telehealth services across HRSA. The budget also includes language expanding the authority



for the Office for Advancement of Telehealth, which will allow HRSA to support telehealth innovation and best practices across the Department.

Opioids: \$11 billion across HHS to support activities that will help end the opioid and substance use crisis. Of that amount, \$5.5 billion is specifically for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Agency's (SAMHSA) substance use prevention and treatment programs and \$861 million for mental health activities, an increase of \$2.1 billion over FY 2022 enacted.

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Administration (CISA): \$2.5 billion in total funding, a slight decrease from the FY22 enacted level (\$2.6 billion), to maintain critical cybersecurity capabilities implemented in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, expand network protection throughout the Federal Executive Branch, and bolster support capabilities, such as cloud business applications, enhanced analytics, and stakeholder engagement.

- The request includes \$6 million to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities by improving the safety and security of medical devices. These funds expand upon ongoing efforts to recruit and hire cyber experts and develop tools to track vulnerabilities associated with devices.

Office of the National Cyber Director: \$22 million for the Office of the National Cyber Director to improve national coordination in the face of escalating cyber-attacks on Government and critical infrastructure.

Sources:

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