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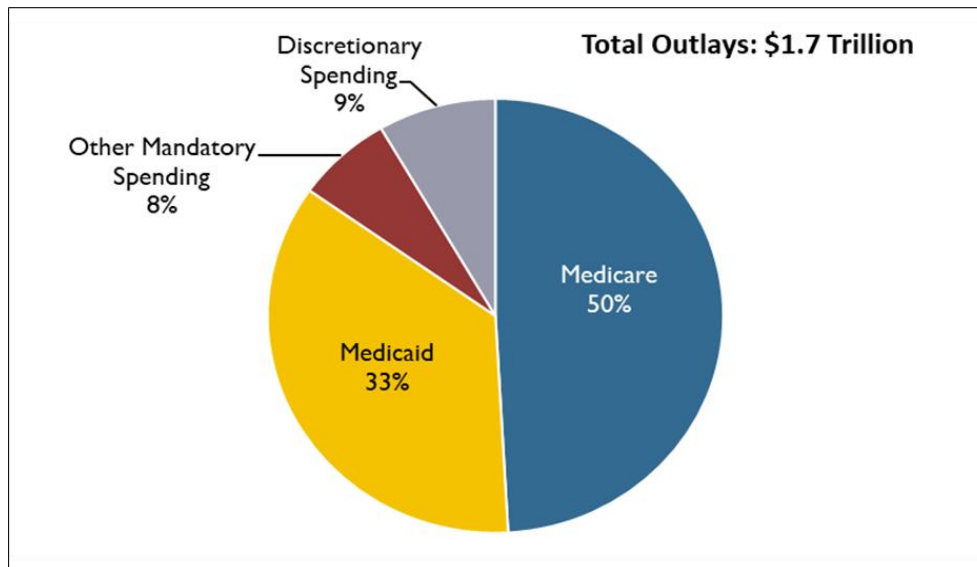
## Department of Health and Human Services: FY2024 Budget Request

This report provides information about the FY2024 budget request for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Historically, HHS has been one of the larger federal departments in terms of budgetary resources. Estimates by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicate that HHS has accounted for at least 20% of all federal outlays in each year since FY1995. Most recently, HHS accounted for about 26% of all federal outlays in FY2022. (FY2022 funding levels are generally considered final, whereas some FY2023 funding levels remain estimates.)

The FY2024 President's budget request was submitted to Congress on March 9, 2023. Under this request, HHS would spend an estimated \$1.691 trillion in outlays in FY2024. This would be \$10 billion (-1%) less than estimated HHS outlays in FY2023 and \$48 billion (+3%) more than actual HHS outlays in FY2022.

*Mandatory spending* typically comprises the majority of the HHS budget. Two mandatory spending programs—Medicare and Medicaid—are expected to account for 83% of all estimated HHS outlays in FY2024, according to the President's budget request. Medicare and Medicaid are *entitlement* programs, meaning the federal government is required to make mandatory payments to individuals, states, or other entities based on criteria established in authorizing law.

Proposed FY2024 HHS Outlays by Major Program or Spending Category



**Source:** Prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) using data on page 15 of the FY2024 HHS Budget in Brief.

**Notes:** Percentages may not sum due to rounding. For mandatory spending, outlays reflect proposed law spending levels, not the current services baseline.

The amount of mandatory spending is controlled (but not always provided) by authorizing laws. By contrast, for all *discretionary spending* the amount is controlled *and* provided through the annual appropriations process. Discretionary spending accounts for about 9% of HHS FY2024 outlays in the President's budget request. Although discretionary spending represents a relatively small share of the HHS budget, the department nevertheless receives more discretionary money than most federal departments. According to OMB data, HHS accounted for about 7% of all discretionary budget authority across the government in FY2022. The Department of Defense was the only federal agency to account for a larger share of all discretionary budget authority in that year (43%).

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## About the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

The mission of HHS is to “enhance the health and well-being of all Americans by providing for effective health and human services and by fostering sound, sustained advances in the sciences underlying medicine, public health, and social services.”<sup>1</sup>

HHS is currently organized into 12 main agencies, called *operating divisions* (listed below). HHS operating divisions are responsible for administering a wide variety of health and human services programs, and conducting related research.<sup>2</sup> In addition, HHS has a number of *staff divisions* within the Office of the Secretary (OS). These staff divisions fulfill a broad array of management, research, and oversight functions in support of the entire department.

Acronym	HHS Operating Division
<b>ACF</b>	Administration for Children and Families
<b>ACL</b>	Administration for Community Living
<b>AHRQ</b>	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
<b>ASPR</b>	Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response
<b>ATSDR</b>	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>HRSA</b>	Health Resources and Services Administration
<b>IHS</b>	Indian Health Service
<b>NIH</b>	National Institutes of Health
<b>SAMHSA</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration <sup>3</sup>

Nine of the HHS operating divisions are part of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS). PHS agencies have diverse missions in support of public health, including the provision of health care services and supports (e.g., IHS, HRSA, SAMHSA); the advancement of health care quality and medical research (e.g., AHRQ, NIH); the prevention and control of disease, injury, and environmental health hazards (e.g., CDC, ATSDR); the preparation for and response to disasters and public health emergencies (e.g., ASPR); and the regulation of food and drugs (e.g., FDA).

<sup>1</sup> Introduction to the HHS Strategic Plan FY2022-FY2026, <https://www.hhs.gov/about/strategic-plan/2022-2026/introduction/index.html>.

<sup>2</sup> On July 22, 2022, HHS announced that the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response would be renamed the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (retaining the ASPR acronym) and be established as an operating division. This reorganization was approved by the HHS Secretary on January 27, 2023, and became effective on February 11, 2023 (Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority in *Federal Record* vol. 88, no. 32, pp. 10125-10127, February 16, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> In some places, FY2024 HHS budget materials refer to SAMHSA as the “Substance use And Mental Health Services Administration,” while in others those materials use the statutory name, “Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.”

ASPR is the newest operating division at HHS, established effective February 2023.<sup>4</sup> Before this transition, ASPR was a staff division within the HHS Office of the Secretary.

The three remaining HHS operating divisions—ACF, ACL, and CMS—are not PHS agencies. ACF and ACL largely administer human services programs focused on the well-being of vulnerable children, families, older Americans, and individuals with disabilities. CMS—which accounts for the largest share of the HHS budget by far—is responsible for administering Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), in addition to certain programs related to private health insurance.

(For a summary of each operating division’s mission and links to agency resources related to the FY2024 budget request, see the **Appendix**.)

## Context for the FY2024 President’s Budget Request

The overview chapter (“Building a Healthy America”) of the HHS Budget in Brief (BIB) is the main source used for the budget numbers in this report.<sup>5</sup> Because FY2023 has not yet concluded, this report generally refers to FY2023 funding levels as *estimates*, whereas amounts for earlier years are called *actual* or *final*.

The Budget and Accounting Act of 1921 (P.L. 67-13), as amended, requires the President to submit an annual consolidated federal budget to Congress at the beginning of each regular congressional session, not later than the first Monday in February. Many of the proposals in the President’s budget would require changes to laws that govern *mandatory spending* levels or policies, which are typically established on a multiyear or permanent basis. *Discretionary spending*, however, which is roughly one-third of the budget, is decided and controlled each fiscal year through the annual appropriations process. While Congress is ultimately not required to adopt the President’s proposals or recommendations, the submission of the President’s budget typically initiates the congressional budget process and informs Congress of the President’s recommended spending levels for agencies and programs.<sup>6</sup>

The President’s budget request for FY2024 was submitted on March 9, 2023, about five weeks after it was due. It was preceded by the enactment of FY2023 full-year annual appropriations (P.L. 117-328) on December 29, 2022, almost three months into the fiscal year. The delay of the budget submission allowed the FY2023 funding amounts in the BIB and the HHS congressional justifications generally to reflect the annual appropriations that were enacted in December.

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<sup>4</sup> For more information on this reorganization, see HHS, ASPR, “Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority,” 88 *Federal Register* 10125-10127, February 16, 2023, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-02-16/pdf/2023-03277.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Other sources were consulted, including other chapters of the FY2024 HHS Budget in Brief (BIB), various volumes of the FY2024 President’s budget published by OMB, and congressional budget justifications published by HHS operating or staff divisions. However, each of the tables and figures in this report (except **Table 2**) was developed using data from the “Building a Healthy America” chapter of the FY2024 HHS BIB, available at <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> For more information, see CRS Report R47019, *The Executive Budget Process: An Overview*.

## Overview of the FY2024 HHS Budget Request

Under the President’s budget request, HHS would spend an estimated \$1.691 trillion in outlays<sup>7</sup> in FY2024 (see **Table 1**).<sup>8</sup> This is \$10 billion (-1%) less than estimated HHS outlays in FY2023 and about \$48 billion (+3%) more than actual HHS outlays in FY2022.

Historical estimates by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) indicate that HHS has accounted for at least 20% of all federal outlays in each year since FY1995.<sup>9</sup> Most recently, OMB estimated that HHS accounted for about 26% of all federal outlays in FY2022, and projects that it would account for nearly 25% of outlays if all proposals in the President’s FY2024 budget request were enacted.<sup>10</sup>

**Table 1. FY2024 President’s Budget Request for HHS**  
(dollars in billions)

	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Estimate	FY2024 Request
Budget Authority	1,721,681	1,676,029	1,635,534	1,772,315	1,737,965
Outlays	1,504,270	1,466,894	1,643,127	1,701,433	1,691,374

**Sources:** For FY2020 actual, see FY2022 HHS BIB, pp. 10-11, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2022-budget-in-brief.pdf>. For FY2021 actual, see FY2023 HHS BIB, pp. 13-14, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2023-budget-in-brief.pdf>. For FY2022 actual, FY2023 estimate, and FY2024 request, see FY2024 HHS BIB, pp. 11-12, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf>.

**Notes:** *Budget authority* is the amount of money a federal agency is legally authorized to commit or spend; an *outlay* occurs when funds are actually expended from the Treasury. Amounts for FY2024 reflect all proposals in the President’s budget for both mandatory and discretionary spending programs. In keeping with source materials, amounts in this table reflect mandatory sequestration in FY2020-FY2023, but do not reflect estimated effects of sequestration for FY2024.

**Figure 1** displays proposed FY2024 HHS outlays by major program or spending category in the President’s request. As this figure shows, mandatory spending typically accounts for the vast majority of the HHS budget.<sup>11</sup> Two mandatory spending programs—Medicare and Medicaid—are expected to account for 83% of all estimated HHS spending in FY2024. Medicare and Medicaid are *entitlement* programs, meaning the federal government is required to make mandatory payments to individuals, states, or other entities based on criteria established in authorizing law.<sup>12</sup>

This figure also shows that discretionary spending accounts for about 9% of estimated FY2024 HHS outlays in the President’s request. Although discretionary spending represents a relatively

<sup>7</sup> *Budget authority* is the amount of funding a federal agency is legally authorized to commit or spend; an *outlay* occurs when funds are actually expended from the Treasury. These terms are discussed in the “HHS Budget by Operating Division” section of this report.

<sup>8</sup> This does not account for expected reductions to nonexempt mandatory spending due to sequestration. For further information, see OMB, *OMB Report to the Congress on the BBEDCA 251A Sequestration for Fiscal Year 2024*, March 13, 2023, [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/BBEDCA\\_Sequestration\\_Report\\_and\\_Letter\\_3-13-2024.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/BBEDCA_Sequestration_Report_and_Letter_3-13-2024.pdf).

<sup>9</sup> OMB Historical Tables of the FY2024 President’s Budget, Table 4.2, “Percentage Distribution of Outlays by Agency: 1962–2028,” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/historical-tables/>.

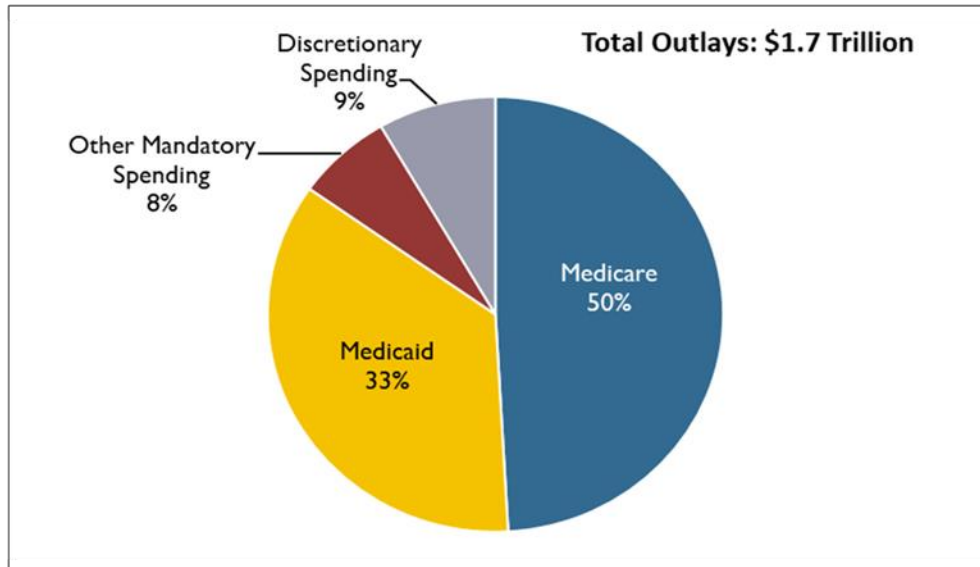
<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>11</sup> The terms *mandatory spending* and *discretionary spending* are discussed in the “Budgetary Resources Versus Appropriations” section of this report.

<sup>12</sup> For more information on how these entitlement programs are financed, see CRS Report R40425, *Medicare Primer*; and CRS Report R42640, *Medicaid Financing and Expenditures*.

small share of total HHS spending, the department nevertheless receives more discretionary funding than most federal departments. According to OMB data, HHS accounted for 7% of all discretionary budget authority across the government in FY2022.<sup>13</sup> The Department of Defense was the only federal agency to account for a larger share of all discretionary budget authority in that year (43%).

**Figure 1. Proposed FY2024 HHS Outlays by Major Program or Spending Category**



**Source:** Prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) based on data presented on page 15 of the FY2024 HHS BIB, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf>.

**Notes:** Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding. For mandatory spending, outlays reflect proposed law spending levels, not the current services baseline.

## Budgetary Resources Versus Appropriations

The HHS budget reflects funding from a broad set of budgetary resources. These include, but are not limited to, amounts provided to HHS through the annual appropriations process. In some cases, amounts shown in FY2024 HHS budget materials (including amounts for prior years) will not match amounts provided to HHS by annual appropriations acts and displayed in accompanying congressional documents. There are several reasons for this, discussed briefly below.

### Mandatory and Discretionary Spending

Certain budget documents may show only discretionary spending, while others may also show some or all types of mandatory spending. *Mandatory spending* makes up a large portion of the HHS budget. Whereas all *discretionary spending* is controlled and provided through the annual appropriations process, all *mandatory spending* is controlled by the program’s authorizing statute. In most cases, that authorizing statute also provides the funding for the program (e.g., State Children’s Health Insurance Program). However, the budget authority for some mandatory programs (including Medicaid), while controlled by criteria in the authorizing statute, must still

<sup>13</sup> OMB Historical Tables of the FY2024 President’s Budget, Table 5.5, “Percentage Distribution of Discretionary Budget Authority by Agency: 1976–2028,” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/historical-tables/>.

be provided through the annual appropriations process; such programs are commonly referred to as *appropriated entitlements* or *appropriated mandatories*.

## HHS in the Appropriations Process

The HHS budget request accounts for the department as a whole, while the appropriations process divides HHS funding across three different appropriations bills. Most of the department’s discretionary appropriations are provided through the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Act. However, funding for certain HHS agencies and activities is provided in two other bills—the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (INT) and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (AG).

**Table 2** lists HHS agencies by appropriations bill. Each of these three appropriations acts provides discretionary HHS funding. In some cases, these acts also provide the necessary funding for appropriated mandatories at HHS. However, authorizing laws provide funding for other mandatory spending programs.

**Table 2. HHS Agencies by Appropriations Bill**

Appropriations Bill	HHS Agencies Funded in the Bill
Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (AG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food and Drug Administration</li> </ul>
Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (INT) <sup>a</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indian Health Service</li> <li>Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry</li> </ul>
Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Resources and Services Administration</li> <li>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</li> <li>National Institutes of Health<sup>a</sup></li> <li>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration</li> <li>Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality</li> <li>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services</li> <li>Administration for Children and Families</li> <li>Administration for Community Living</li> <li>Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response</li> <li>Office of the Secretary</li> </ul>

**Source:** See CRS Report R40858, *Locate an Agency or Program Within Appropriations Bills*.

- a. Funding for NIH comes primarily from the LHHS appropriations bill, with an additional amount for Superfund-related activities provided as part of the INT appropriations bill.

## Proposed Law and Current Law Estimates for Mandatory Programs

HHS budget materials may include two different estimates for mandatory spending programs when appropriate: *proposed law* and *current law*. The *proposed law* estimates take into account changes in mandatory spending proposed in the FY2024 HHS budget request. Such proposals would generally need to be enacted into law to affect the budgetary resources ultimately available



to the mandatory spending program.<sup>14</sup> HHS materials may also show a *current law* or *current services* estimate for mandatory spending programs. These estimates assume that no changes will be made to existing policies, and instead estimate mandatory spending for programs based on criteria established in current authorizing law. The HHS budget estimates in this report reflect the proposed law estimates for mandatory spending programs; readers should be aware that other HHS, OMB, or congressional estimates might reflect current law instead.

## User Fees and Other Types of Collections

In some cases, agencies within HHS have the authority to expend user fees and other types of collections that effectively supplement their appropriations. In addition, agencies may receive transfers of budgetary resources from other sources, such as from the Public Health Service Evaluation Set-Aside (also referred to as the PHS Tap) or one of the mandatory funds established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA; P.L. 111-148, as amended).<sup>15</sup> Budgetary totals that account for these sorts of resources in the HHS estimates are often referred to as being at the *program level*. HHS agencies that have historically had notable differences between the amounts in the appropriations bills and their program level include, for instance, FDA (due to user fees) and AHRQ (due to transfers).<sup>16</sup>

## Scorekeeping and Display Conventions

The Administration may choose to follow different conventions than those of congressional scorekeepers for its estimates of HHS programs. For example, certain transfers of funding between HHS agencies (or from HHS to other federal agencies) that occurred in prior fiscal years, or are expected to occur in the current fiscal year, may be accounted for in the Administration's estimates but not necessarily in the congressional documents.

## Sequestration

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA) provides a mechanism (*sequestration*) to reduce mandatory spending in each fiscal year beginning with FY2013 and continuing through FY2031 (or for Medicare only, through the first six months of FY2032).<sup>17</sup> On March 13, 2023, concurrent with the release of the President's budget submission, President Biden issued the required FY2024 sequestration order, calling for nonexempt mandatory spending to be reduced on October 1, 2023.<sup>18</sup> Using its current law baseline, OMB

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<sup>14</sup> For a list of some HHS legislative proposals for mandatory spending programs in the FY2024 President's budget, see Summary Table S-6 in OMB, *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2024*, [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/budget\\_fy2024.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/budget_fy2024.pdf). This table lists mandatory proposals (but not discretionary proposals) by federal department and shows the estimated *dollar change* from current law levels should the proposal be enacted. (The table does not show the actual proposed funding level.) For additional information, see the applicable operating division chapters of the HHS Budget in Brief or congressional justifications.

<sup>15</sup> For further information, see CRS Report R47345, *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education: FY2023 Appropriations*.

<sup>16</sup> The program level for each agency is listed in the table entitled "Composition of the HHS Budget Discretionary Programs" in the FY2022 HHS BIB.

<sup>17</sup> As originally enacted, mandatory sequestration was scheduled to run through FY2021, but this period has subsequently been incrementally extended. For further information about these extensions, see the Appendix of CRS Report R47345, *Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education: FY2023 Appropriations*. For further information about sequestration, see CRS Report R42972, *Sequestration as a Budget Enforcement Process: Frequently Asked Questions*.

<sup>18</sup> Sequestration Order for Fiscal Year 2024 Pursuant to Section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit (continued...)

estimated that the FY2024 sequestration percentages would equal 2% of nonexempt spending from Medicare and certain other health programs and 5.7% of other nonexempt nondefense mandatory spending, for a total government-wide reduction in this category of spending of \$26 billion in budget authority in FY2024.<sup>19</sup> OMB attributed the majority of this amount, roughly \$20 billion, to HHS (mostly for reductions to Medicare). (OMB also estimated an 8.3% reduction, totaling \$1 billion, in nonexempt defense mandatory spending, which does not affect HHS funds.)

By convention, HHS budget materials for FY2024 generally reflect sequestration for mandatory spending programs in prior years (FY2022-FY2023), but do not reflect estimated effects of mandatory sequestration for the budget year (FY2024). The numbers in this report reflect this convention.

## HHS Budget by Operating Division

**Figure 2** provides a breakdown of the FY2024 HHS budget request by operating division. When taking into account mandatory *and* discretionary budget authority (i.e., total budget authority), CMS accounts for the largest share of the request: nearly \$1.5 trillion. The majority of the CMS budget request would go toward mandatory spending programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. Under the President's budget, spending on Medicare is expected to increase relative to FY2023 levels in terms of current law estimates, but would slightly decrease under proposed law estimates. Spending on Medicaid is estimated to decrease relative to FY2023 based on both current law and proposed law estimates. However, when looking exclusively at discretionary budget authority, funding for CMS is comparatively smaller, accounting for \$4.6 billion of the HHS discretionary request. Discretionary CMS funds primarily support program operations and federal administrative activities, though some funds also go toward efforts to reduce health care fraud and abuse.

The largest share of the HHS discretionary request would go to the PHS operating divisions: roughly \$92.9 billion in combined public health funding for FDA, HRSA, IHS, CDC, ATSDR, NIH, SAMHSA, AHRQ, and ASPR. NIH would receive the largest amount of discretionary budget authority of any single HHS operating division: \$46.4 billion. The majority of the proposed NIH budget would support biomedical research performed by hospitals, medical schools, universities, and other research institutions around the country.<sup>20</sup>

ACF would receive the second-largest discretionary funding level among the HHS operating divisions: \$39.4 billion. The majority of the discretionary ACF request (about 57%) would go to early childhood care and education programs, such as Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant.<sup>21</sup>

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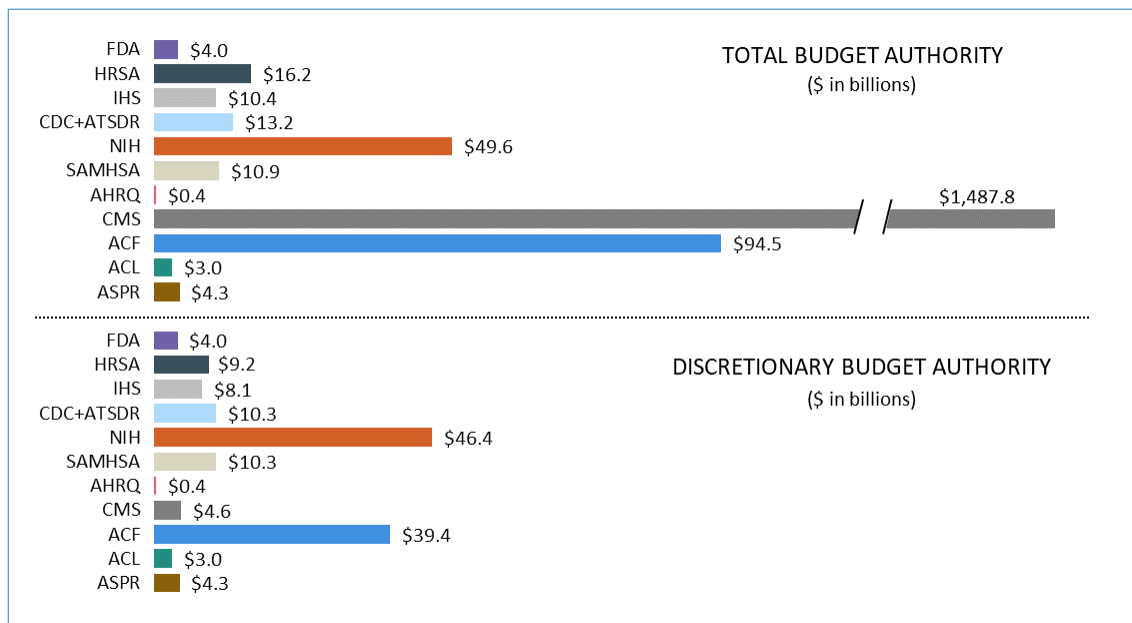
Control Act, as Amended, Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 51, March 16, 2023, p. 16171, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-03-16/pdf/2023-05511.pdf>.

<sup>19</sup> OMB, *OMB Report to the Congress on the BBEDCA 251A Sequestration for Fiscal Year 2024*, March 13, 2023, [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/BBEDCA\\_Sequestration\\_Report\\_and\\_Letter\\_3-13-2024.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/BBEDCA_Sequestration_Report_and_Letter_3-13-2024.pdf). See the report's appendix for an itemized list of budget accounts that include mandatory spending subject to sequestration in FY2024, the dollar amounts subject to sequestration (based on OMB's current law baseline), the percentage by which they would be reduced, and the dollar amount of the reduction. While the report displays reductions at the *account* level, the sequester itself is implemented at the *program, project, or activity* level.

<sup>20</sup> FY2024 HHS BIB, p. 47.

<sup>21</sup> Calculated by CRS based on data presented on pages 119-120 of the FY2024 HHS BIB.

**Figure 2. FY2024 President’s Request for HHS by Operating Division**



**Source:** Prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) based on data presented on pages 11-14 of the FY2024 HHS BIB, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf>. The amounts displayed as *total budget authority* include mandatory and discretionary funds. The HHS BIB sources the OMB Budget Appendix for the total budget authority amounts shown above and cautions that these amounts “potentially differ from the levels displayed” elsewhere in the BIB. HHS does not use the same disclaimer for the discretionary budget authority levels shown in the BIB and above, meaning that the methodology used to calculate and present these numbers may differ from that used by HHS in calculating total budget authority. For this reason, the figure should be viewed as illustrative.

**Notes:** Acronyms listed on page 1 of this report. Amounts for mandatory spending programs are based on the President’s proposed law baseline, not the current services baseline. Amounts for discretionary spending programs have not been adjusted to reflect the effects of proposed rescissions or other cancellations of budget authority. Amounts in this figure exclude funding for the HHS staff divisions within the Office of the Secretary and estimates for several mandatory spending proposals that were listed separately from the operating divisions in the HHS BIB.

**Table 3** puts the FY2024 request for each HHS operating division and the Office of the Secretary into context, displaying it along with estimates of funding provided over the four prior fiscal years (FY2020-FY2023). These totals are inclusive of both mandatory and discretionary funding.

The amounts in this table are shown in terms of budget authority (BA) and outlays. *BA* is the authority provided by federal law to enter into contracts or other financial obligations that will result in immediate or future expenditures involving federal government funds. *Outlays* occur when funds are actually expended from the Treasury; they could be the result of either new budget authority enacted in the current fiscal year or unexpended budget authority that was enacted in previous fiscal years. The rate at which outlays occur often is dependent on the purpose of the funding and the timeline for which expenditures are to occur. (For example, outlays for salaries and expenses tend to happen at a more rapid rate than those for multiyear projects.) In addition, as outlays over the course of a fiscal year may occur from funds enacted over a series of fiscal years, they may be more or less than the amount of budget authority newly enacted for that fiscal year. As a consequence, the BA and outlays in this table represent two different ways of accounting for the funding that is provided to each HHS agency through the federal budget process. For example, **Table 3** shows \$16.2 billion in FY2024 BA for HRSA, but an estimated \$17.2 billion in FY2024 HRSA outlays, reflecting the expected expenditure of funds

previously provided to the agency in addition to some funds that are expected to be newly enacted in FY2024.

Amounts shown for the OS were calculated using funding levels in HHS BIBs for several staff divisions, accounts, and activities under the OS.<sup>22</sup> They also include estimates for several mandatory spending proposals that were listed separately from the operating divisions in the HHS BIB, such as the No Surprises Implementation Fund, Defense Production Act Medical Supplies Enhancement, PrEP Delivery Program to End the HIV Epidemic, Mental Health Transformation Fund, National Hepatitis C Elimination Program, and Antimicrobial Subscriptions.

**Table 3. HHS Budget by Operating and Staff Division**  
(mandatory and discretionary spending combined, dollars in millions)

Operating Division	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Estimate <sup>a</sup>	FY2024 Request
<b>FDA</b>					
Budget Authority (BA)	3,365	3,765	4,379	3,644	4,015
Outlays	2,963	3,303	4,588	5,037	3,876
<b>HRSA</b>					
BA	14,399	21,733	13,566	14,705	16,183
Outlays	12,113	14,232	16,128	17,051	17,196
<b>IHS</b>					
BA	7,393	13,794	7,442	7,994	10,355
Outlays	6,184	9,866	6,507	7,369	10,487
<b>CDC (incl. ATSDR)<sup>b</sup></b>					
BA	15,855	28,511	9,156	10,979	13,158
Outlays	8,721	11,269	16,526	13,247	13,446
<b>NIH</b>					
BA	44,590	42,186	45,415	48,952	49,630
Outlays	36,387	38,868	40,623	44,759	46,281
<b>SAMHSA</b>					
BA	6,174	13,674	6,724	7,567	10,863
Outlays	5,206	5,910	7,384	8,334	11,729
<b>AHRQ</b>					
BA	338	337	350	374	403
Outlays	333	329	339	304	402
<b>CMS<sup>c</sup></b>					
BA	1,328,620	1,296,727	1,471,167	1,593,907	1,487,835
Outlays	1,258,071	1,240,623	1,370,675	1,475,653	1,448,709

<sup>22</sup> These include Departmental Management, Nonrecurring Expenses Fund, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Inspector General, Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, Program Support Center (including retirement pay, medical benefits, and miscellaneous trust funds), and certain collections credited to that office or the department.

Operating Division	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY2023 Estimate <sup>a</sup>	FY2024 Request
<b>ACF</b>					
BA	67,349	122,521	73,556	78,977	94,474
Outlays	60,819	70,079	85,702	92,397	102,436
<b>ACL</b>					
BA	3,403	4,221	2,293	2,526	3,035
Outlays	2,418	2,662	2,720	4,110	3,429
<b>ASPR<sup>d</sup></b>					
BA					4,272
Outlays					1,063
<b>Office of the Secretary<sup>e</sup></b>					
BA	230,195	128,560	1,486	2,690	43,742
Outlays	111,055	69,753	91,935	33,172	32,320
<b>Total, HHS</b>					
<b>BA</b>	<b>1,721,681</b>	<b>1,676,029</b>	<b>1,635,534</b>	<b>1,772,315</b>	<b>1,737,965</b>
<b>Outlays</b>	<b>1,504,270</b>	<b>1,466,894</b>	<b>1,643,127</b>	<b>1,701,433</b>	<b>1,691,374</b>

**Sources:** For FY2020 actual, see FY2022 HHS BIB, pp. 10-11, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2022-budget-in-brief.pdf>. For FY2021 actual, see FY2023 HHS BIB, pp. 13-14, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2023-budget-in-brief.pdf>. For FY2022 actual, FY2023 estimate, and FY2024 request, see FY2024 HHS BIB, pp. 11-12, <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf>.

**Notes:** Totals are as reported in HHS BIBs. The HHS BIBs source the Budget Appendix prepared by the Office of Management and Budget for the BA amounts shown in these particular BIB tables. HHS cautions that these amounts “potentially differ from the levels displayed in the individual Operating or Staff Division Chapters.” Totals may not sum due to rounding and, in prior years, may reflect some adjustments for comparability. Amounts for FY2023 reflect all proposals in the President’s budget for both mandatory and discretionary spending programs. In keeping with source materials, amounts in this table reflect sequestration for mandatory spending programs in FY2020-FY2023, but do not reflect estimated effects of mandatory sequestration for FY2024.

- a. FY2023 funding levels in the FY2024 BIB reflect amounts enacted in law (P.L. 117-103) for programs and activities funded by the annual appropriations process. For mandatory spending provided outside the annual appropriations process, funding levels generally reflect amounts provided by authorizing law. In cases where full-year funding has not yet been provided in authorizing law, these levels are based on annualized amounts provided in the most recent short-term funding extension in effect at the time that the budget formulation process was completed.
- b. By HHS convention, the amounts shown for CDC include funding for ATSDR.
- c. Per source materials, the budget authority for CMS includes non-CMS budget authority for Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance for the Social Security Administration and the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC).
- d. On February 11, 2023, HHS established ASPR as an operating division named the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response. Funding for the prior entity within the HHS Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, is included in the Office of the Secretary funding listed in this table for FY2020-FY2023.
- e. Amounts shown for the OS include estimates for several mandatory spending proposals that were listed separately from the operating divisions in the HHS BIB, such as the No Surprises Implementation Fund, Defense Production Act Medical Supplies Enhancement, PrEP Delivery Program to End the HIV Epidemic, Mental Health Transformation Fund, National Hepatitis C Elimination Program, and Antimicrobial Subscriptions.

## Appendix. HHS Operating Divisions: Missions and FY2024 Budget Resources

This appendix provides for each operating division a brief summary of its mission,<sup>23</sup> the applicable appropriations bill, the FY2024 budget request level, and links to additional resources related to that request.

### Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

The FDA mission is focused on regulating the safety and labeling of human foods, dietary supplements, cosmetics, and animal foods; and the safety and effectiveness of human drugs, biological products (e.g., vaccines), medical devices, radiation-emitting products, and animal drugs. It also regulates tobacco products.<sup>24</sup>

#### Appropriations Bill:

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies (AG)

#### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$4.015 billion
- Outlays: \$3.876 billion

#### Additional Resources:

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 15), <https://www.fda.gov/media/166182/download>
- BIB chapter (p. 22), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=22>

### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

The HRSA mission is focused on “providing health care to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable.”<sup>25</sup> Among its many programs and activities, HRSA supports health care workforce training; the National Health Service Corps; and the federal health centers program, which provides grants to nonprofit entities that provide primary care services to people who experience financial, geographic, cultural, or other barriers to health care.

#### Appropriations Bill:

- LHHS

#### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$16.183 billion

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<sup>23</sup> The mission summaries below exclude the Office of the Secretary, which comprises multiple staff divisions whose goals are to “provide leadership, direction, and policy guidance to the Department.” See HHS Strategic Plan FY2022-2026, Introduction: About HHS, <https://www.hhs.gov/about/strategic-plan/2022-2026/overview/index.html>.

<sup>24</sup> FDA, *What Does FDA Do*, <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/fda-basics/what-does-fda-do>.

<sup>25</sup> HRSA, *About HRSA*, <https://www.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.

- Outlays: \$17.196 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 20), <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/about/budget/budget-justification-fy2024.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 24), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=30>

## Indian Health Service (IHS)

The IHS mission is to provide “federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives” and “raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.”<sup>26</sup> IHS provides health care for approximately 2.6 million eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives through a system of programs and facilities located on or near Indian reservations, and through contractors in certain urban areas.<sup>27</sup>

**Appropriations Bill:**

- Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (INT)

**FY2024 Request:**

- BA: \$10.355 billion
- Outlays: \$10.487 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 10), [https://www.ihs.gov/sites/budgetformulation/themes/responsive2017/display\\_objects/documents/FY2024-IHS-CJ32223.pdf](https://www.ihs.gov/sites/budgetformulation/themes/responsive2017/display_objects/documents/FY2024-IHS-CJ32223.pdf)
- BIB chapter (p. 32), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=38>

## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

The CDC mission is focused on “developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and health education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States.”<sup>28</sup> CDC is organized into a number of centers, institutes, and offices, some focused on specific public health challenges (e.g., injury prevention) and others focused on general public health capabilities (e.g., surveillance and laboratory services).

In addition, the ATSDR is headed by the CDC director. For that reason, the ATSDR budget is often shown within CDC. Following the conventions of the FY2024 HHS BIB, ATSDR’s budget request is included in the CDC totals shown in this report. ATSDR’s work is focused on

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<sup>26</sup> IHS, *Agency Overview*, <https://www.ihs.gov/aboutihs/overview/>.

<sup>27</sup> IHS, *About IHS*, <https://www.ihs.gov/aboutihs/>

<sup>28</sup> CDC, *Official Mission/Function Statement, updated 2/10/2023*, <https://www.cdc.gov/about/pdf/organization/ioid-mission-statement.pdf>.

preventing or mitigating adverse effects resulting from exposure to hazardous substances in the environment.<sup>29</sup>

**Appropriations Bills:**

- LHHS (CDC)
- INT (ATSDR)

**FY2024 Request (CDC and ATSDR combined):**

- BA: \$13.158 billion
- Outlays: \$13.446 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- CDC Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 35), <https://www.cdc.gov/budget/documents/fy2024/FY-2024-CDC-congressional-justification.pdf>
- ATSDR Congressional Justification, <https://www.cdc.gov/budget/documents/fy2024/FY-2024-ATSDR-congressional-justification.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 39), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=45>

## National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The NIH mission is focused on conducting and supporting research “in causes, diagnosis, prevention, and cure of human diseases” and “in directing programs for the collection, dissemination, and exchange of information in medicine and health.”<sup>30</sup> NIH is organized into 27 research institutes and centers, headed by the NIH Director.<sup>31</sup> In addition, FY2022 appropriations called for HHS to establish a new entity: the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). HHS subsequently placed this entity within NIH.

**Appropriations Bill:**

- LHHS

**FY2024 Request:**

- BA: \$49.630 billion
- Outlays: \$ 46.281 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 33), <https://officeofbudget.od.nih.gov/pdfs/FY24/br/Overview%20of%20FY%202024%20Presidents%20Budget.pdf><sup>32</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> ASTDR, *Official Mission/Function Statement, updated 1/10/2023*, <https://www.cdc.gov/about/pdf/organization/atcdr-mission-statement.pdf>.

<sup>30</sup> NIH, *Mission and Goals*, <https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/mission-goals>.

<sup>31</sup> NIH, *Organization*, <https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/who-we-are/organization>.

<sup>32</sup> NIH’s individual institutes/centers also submit justifications, available at [https://officeofbudget.od.nih.gov/insti\\_center\\_subs.html](https://officeofbudget.od.nih.gov/insti_center_subs.html).



- BIB chapter (p. 46), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=52>

## Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)<sup>33</sup>

SAMHSA is the federal agency primarily responsible for supporting community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention services. The SAMHSA mission is focused on reducing the impacts of substance abuse and mental illness.<sup>34</sup> SAMHSA supports activities that include education and training, prevention programs, early intervention activities, treatment services, and technical assistance.

### Appropriations Bill:

- LHHS

### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$10.863 billion
- Outlays: \$11.729 billion

### Additional Resources:

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 12), <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/samhsa-fy-2024-cj.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 53), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=59>

## Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

The AHRQ mission is focused on research to “make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable.”<sup>35</sup> Specific AHRQ research efforts are aimed at reducing the costs of care, promoting patient safety, measuring the quality of health care, and improving health care services, organization, and financing.

### Appropriations Bill:

- LHHS

### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$0.403 billion
- Outlays: \$0.402 billion

### Additional Resources:

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 14), <https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/cpi/about/mission/budget/2024/fy2024-cj.pdf>

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<sup>33</sup> In some places, the FY2024 HHS BIB refers to SAMHSA as the “Substance use And Mental Health Services Administration,” while in others the BIB uses the statutory name, “Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.”

<sup>34</sup> SAMHSA, *About Us*, <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us>.

<sup>35</sup> AHRQ, *About AHRQ*, <https://www.ahrq.gov/cpi/about/index.html>.

- BIB chapter (p. 59), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=65>

## Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

The CMS mission is focused on supporting “innovative approaches to improving quality, accessibility, and affordability, while finding the best ways to use advanced technology to support person-centered care.”<sup>36</sup> CMS administers the Medicare program, work[s] in partnership with state governments to administer Medicaid and CHIP, and manage[s] health insurance standards.<sup>37</sup> The President’s budget estimates that in FY2024, “over 160 million Americans will rely on the programs CMS administers or oversees including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the [Health Insurance] Marketplaces.”<sup>38</sup>

### Appropriations Bill:

- LHHS

### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$1,487.835 billion
- Outlays: \$1,448.709 billion

### Additional Resources:

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 7), <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-fy-2024-congressional-justification-estimates-appropriations-committees.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 64), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=70>

## Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

The ACF mission is focused on promoting the “economic and social well-being of children, youth, families, and communities.”<sup>39</sup> ACF administers a wide array of human services programs, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Head Start, child care, the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), and various child welfare programs.

### Appropriations Bill:

- LHHS

### FY2024 Request:

- BA: \$94.474 billion
- Outlays: \$102.436 billion

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<sup>36</sup> CMS, *Fiscal Year 2024 Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees*, March 2024, <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-fy-2024-congressional-justification-estimates-appropriations-committees.pdf>.

<sup>37</sup> CMS, *Press Kit*, <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-kit>.

<sup>38</sup> CMS, *Fiscal Year 2024 Justification of Estimates for Appropriations Committees*, March 2024, <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-fy-2024-congressional-justification-estimates-appropriations-committees.pdf>.

<sup>39</sup> ACF, *What We Do*, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/about/what-we-do>.

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 6), <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/olab/fy-2024-congressional-justification.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 118), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=124>

## Administration for Community Living (ACL)

The ACL mission is focused on maximizing the “independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers.”<sup>40</sup> ACL administers a number of programs targeted at older Americans and people with disabilities, including Home and Community-Based Supportive Services and State Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

**Appropriations Bill:**

- LHHS

**FY2024 Request:**

- BA: \$3.035 billion
- Outlays: \$3.429 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 25), <https://acl.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/FY2024ACL-CJ-508.docx>
- BIB chapter (p. 141), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=141>

## Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)<sup>41</sup>

The ASPR mission is to lead “the nation’s medical and public health preparedness for, response to, and recovery from disasters and other public health emergencies.”<sup>42</sup> ASPR “serves as the principal advisor to the HHS Secretary on issues related to public health and medical emergency preparedness and response. ASPR has operational responsibilities for the advanced research, development and stockpiling of medical countermeasures as well as the coordination of the federal public health and medical response to emergencies and disasters.”<sup>43</sup>

**Appropriations Bill:**

- LHHS

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<sup>40</sup> ACL, *About ACL*, <https://acl.gov/about-acl>.

<sup>41</sup> The Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) was established as an HHS operating division, effective February 11, 2023. It was formerly the “Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response,” within the HHS Office of the Secretary. For more information on this reorganization, see HHS, ASPR, “Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority,” 88 *Federal Register* 10125-10127, February 16, 2023, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-02-16/pdf/2023-03277.pdf>.

<sup>42</sup> ASPR, *ASPR Organization*, <https://aspr.hhs.gov/AboutASPR/ProgramOffices/Pages/ProgramOffice.aspx>.

<sup>43</sup> ASPR, *ASPR Budget and Funding*, <https://aspr.hhs.gov/AboutASPR/BudgetandFunding/Pages/default.aspx>.

**FY2024 Request:**

- BA: \$4.272 billion
- Outlays: \$1.063 billion

**Additional Resources:**

- Congressional Justification (all-purpose table on p. 16), <https://aspr.hhs.gov/AboutASPR/BudgetandFunding/Documents/FY2024/ASPR-cj.pdf>
- BIB chapter (p. 142), <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/fy-2024-budget-in-brief.pdf#page=148>

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