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Congress, White House Have Two Days to Address Expiring FY 2017 Continuing Resolution



With just two days until the current continuing resolution (CR) expires, Congress and the White House must finalize the remaining months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. Several issues remain on the table as the hours wind down to the deadline. According to multiple sources, senior Democrats have expressed their party's emphasis on making sure that Affordable Care Act (ACA) subsidies, healthcare benefits for retired coal mine workers, and preventing deep cuts to non-defense discretionary spending are addressed, while senior Republicans have been navigating how to balance spending and whether funding for the proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall will be part of the deal. Sources indicate that President Trump may be open to delaying funding for the wall until later this year.

Democrats and Republicans must reach a deal before April 29 to prevent a federal government shutdown. To do so, it is likely that Congress will pass a short-term CR to provide lawmakers additional time to sort through these highly-visible issues that, if addressed in FY 2017, could set in motion the process for another attempt to reform health care in short order. AACN will continue to keep its members apprised as new developments emerge. Visit [AACN's Appropriations Advocacy webpage](#) for the latest news and information.

Continue the Conversation: Nursing Science Transforms Campaign



As the national voice for academic nursing, it is imperative that AACN members educate the public and policymakers on the critical contributions that nursing research brings to multiple facets of healthcare delivery and policy development. On April 25, AACN advocates participated in a social media Thunderclap as part of the [Nursing Science Transforms campaign](#). The message, calling for the protection of federal funding research, **reached 47,647 individuals!** We invite you to continue the conversation at your school and with your partners. Visit [AACN's Nursing Science Transforms campaign webpage](#) and stay tuned for additional resources and materials highlighting nursing science during National Nurses Week.

NIDAMED Offers Resources for Drug Abuse Treatment and Care

[NIDAMED](#), an initiative created by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a branch of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), provides health professionals with resources to assist in drug abuse prevention and treatment methods. The NIH Pain Consortium's online training modules include opioid prescribing resources. AACN partnered with NIDA to advance research, dissemination, and adoption of evidence-based Substance Use Disorders treatment practices by providing nurses with effective training and research opportunities. Visit [NIDAMED](#) to access the resources.

