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PRESIDENT'S 2013 BUDGET RELEASED ON FEBRUARY 13TH --- The President's FY 2013 budget includes a cut to the CDC base budget of \$664 million compared with FY 2012 funding levels. Although the CDC budget reflects mandatory program spending increases such as the Vaccines for Children program, and funding transfers from other sources, such as the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), overall, CDC suffered a 12 percent cut in funding under the President's budget compared to FY 2012. Complicating this picture is Congressional action last week on the Tax Extender legislation that cut the PPHF from \$1.25 billion to \$1 billion in FY 2013 (see story below). As presented on February 13th, the budget provides CDC with \$903 million from the PPHF.

Here are some specifics for CDC programs from the President's budget request:

<u>Program</u>	<u>FY 2013 PB</u>	<u>+/- FY 2012</u>
State/local Preparedness Cooperative Agreement	\$642 m	0
Prevention Block Grant	\$0	-\$80 m
Food Safety	\$43.8 m	+\$16.7m

ELC	\$40 m¹	0
PH Workforce	\$25 m	0
Chronic Disease	\$760.7 m²	- \$38.7m
Surveillance/Epi/PH Informatics	\$282.5 m	+\$20 m
State/Local Lab support	\$20 m	+\$20 m
Health Track	\$29 m³	-\$6 m
HAI	\$11.7 m	0
NCEH	\$132.7 m	-\$7.3m
Asthma	\$0	-\$25.3 m
Lead	\$0	0
Healthy Homes	\$0	+\$27.3 m
Injury Center	\$137.7 m	0
NVDRS	\$3.5 m	0
NIOSH	\$249.3 m	-\$43.2 m
Education and Research Centers	\$0	-\$24.3m

TAX EXTENDER BILL CUTS ACA PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND -- Last week, Congress enacted legislation to extend the payroll tax holiday for 10 months. The legislation also provided a pay fix for doctors under the Medicare program and extended unemployment benefits. For the latter two items, Congress provided funding offsets totally \$50 billion. Among the offsets was a cut to the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) which has been used to fund many programs within the CDC, including a \$40 million increase to the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants (ELC), a \$25 million increase to fund public health workforce training, and over \$500 million for chronic disease prevention,

¹ Does not reflect base funding, only PPHF funds as provided in the Pres. Budget request

² Reflects baseline funding only. The President's budget provides an additional \$511.7 m from the PPHF

³ Reflects only expected PPHF allocation; this program no longer receives baseline funding

especially community transformation grants. The cut totals \$5 billion in Budget Authority between the years FY 2013-2022, but in outlays, it totals \$6.25 billion. This will result in \$18.75 billion less over that time period than otherwise would have been provided for the PPHF. For FY 2013, the cut will mean that rather than providing \$1.25 billion in funding only \$1 billion will be provided. This amount will stay flat for five years until it begins growing again in FY 2018, reaching \$2 billion by FY 2022. The President's FY 2013 budget already accounted for distribution of \$1.25 billion under the PPHF. The Administration has no immediate plans to revise the allocation and is expected to leave this task to Congressional appropriators.