

FALL CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK - MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW

GUIDE			
CONSULTING	HOUSE	SENATE	WHAT'S NEXT?
\$3.5 TRILLION RECONCILIATION PACKAGE	Energy & Commerce Bill includes: - HCBS investment of \$190b - Closes Medicaid coverage gap - \$75m for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - Medicaid coverage 30 days prior to release from incarceration - \$35 billion to support construction/modernization of health care centers including behavioral health Ways & Means Bill includes: - Expands Medicare coverage (vision, hearing, dental) - 2 weeks of universal paid family and medical leave for all U.S. workers	Committees drafting reconciliation bill text Non-binding recommendations to Senators: Finance Committee is instructed for over \$1 billion on measures including equity for maternal, behavioral, and racial justice health investments HELP Committee is instructed for \$726 billion including the same health equity measures listed above	 House Committee markups wrap up by 9/15 House and Senate will need to work out differences between drafts
FISCAL YEAR 22 Appropriations	FY22 Labor/HHS bill passed July 15 & funds SAMHSA at \$9.16 billion, Including: • \$3.16 billion for MH including an \$825 million increase to the MHBG • \$155 million for MH resources for youth • \$26.2 million for the Zero Suicide program • \$113.6 million for the Suicide Lifeline for implementation of 988 • Increases mental health crisis systems set-aside in MHBG to 10% • Creates 10% set-aside within MHBG for prevention and intervention • \$100 million for MH Crisis Response Partnership Pilot Program • \$10 million for a BH Crisis Coordinating office	Expecting a Senate markup of the L/HHS appropriations bill for FY22 in the coming weeks	 Continuing Resolution (CR) is expected to keep government funded through December 10, 2021 Biden Administration requests funding anomaly for National Suicide Prevention Level at FY22 House level + \$78 million
COMMITTEE AND MEMBER ACTION	Possibility for a VA Committee hearing on mental health and suicide prevention	 Forthcoming MH/BH package from the Senate Finance Committee Public RFI to come Senate members can submit their own priorities Senators Bennett and Cornyn released a white paper on September 9 on their ideas to address the ongoing mental health services gap 	Bill introductions and re- introductions coming from both chambers

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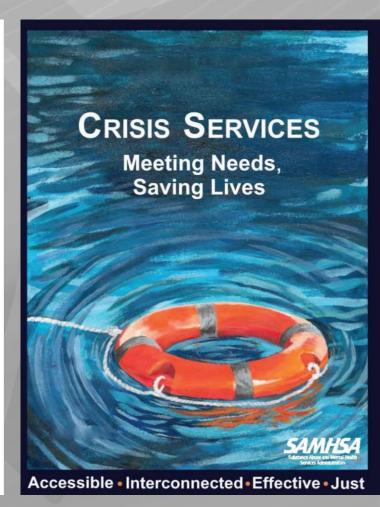


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