FY 2023 Federal Budget Blueprint from The Biden Administration
Themes from President Biden’s Federal Budget Request

- Biden Administration requested $5.8 Trillion for fiscal year (FY) 2023 Budget
- Proposal included ~$2.5 trillion in new tax revenue
  - $1.5 Trillion toward new federal spending
  - $1 Trillion toward federal budget deficit reduction
- Focus on several areas
  - Demonstrates commitment to a whole-of-government effort to advance equity and racial justice
  - Builds evidence capacity across the Federal Government for engaging in high-quality evaluations to learn and improve
  - Introduces four-part Unity Agenda
    - Prioritize Mental Health
    - Drive Transformational Innovation to Fight Cancer
    - Deliver on Our Commitments to Veterans
    - Address the Opioid and Drug Overdose Epidemic

President’s FY 2023 Budget Request: https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/
HHS Request Promotes Investing in All Americans’ Health and Well-Being

- HHS proposed $127.3 billion in discretionary and $1.7 trillion in mandatory budget authority for FY 2023

- Addresses critical challenges and opportunities including
  - Tackling the COVID-19 pandemic
    - Includes $81.7 billion in mandatory funding over five years across ASPR, CDC, NIH, and FDA to support President Biden’s plan to transform U.S. capabilities to prepare for and respond rapidly and effectively to future pandemics and other high consequence biological threats
  - Expanding access to care
  - Addressing health disparities
  - Strengthening behavioral health
  - Promoting the well-being of children, families, and seniors

- The budget includes $161 million for the HHS Cybersecurity Program to strengthen HHS’s cybersecurity posture
  - Includes $50 million to implement Zero Trust architecture and security logging

CDC Budget Request Calls for $10.675 Billion in Discretionary Dollars

- Request for CDC is $2.3 billion over the FY 2022 appropriation for the agency
- Request provides $200 million for CDC’s Data Modernization Initiative
  - Consistent with President Biden’s Executive Order 13994 on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats
- DMI funding to continue to modernize public health data systems nationwide that will last beyond the current pandemic
  - The funding will also help facilitate an “equity-centered” data system that improves data quality and makes data more complete, accessible, and representative of all people
- $600 million to create a resilient public health system
  - Builds core public health infrastructure and capacity strategies to address surge needs, capabilities for long-term public health planning, and flexibility to address local or emerging priorities with evidence-based approaches
- The budget includes $353 million for Global Public Health Protection to ensure a strategic regional presence and improve global public disease detection and emergency response
  - $100 million above the FY 2022 enacted level
- $50 million to sustain the recently established Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics
  - Center is focused on improving the government’s ability to forecast emerging health threats
- $153 million for the agency’s SDOH Program
Request Calls for $470 Million Investment in Maternal Health

- HHS request invests over $470 million in funding across AHRQ, CDC, HRSA, NIH, and IHS to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity
  - Funding included for
    - CDC’s Maternal Mortality Review Committees and other Safe Motherhood programs
    - HRSA’s State Maternal Health Innovation Grants program and new Healthy Start program initiatives
    - Other maternal health programs across HHS

- Investment includes $86 million specifically to reduce healthcare disparities and advance health equity in the maternal health space
  - HHS Office of Minority Health would increase focus on areas with high rates of adverse maternal health outcomes or with significant racial or ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes

- The budget request also includes $42 million for the HHS Office on Women’s Health
  - Would fund activities relating to disease prevention, health promotion, service delivery, research, and healthcare professional education, for issues of particular concern to women throughout their lifespan
The Administration committed to supporting a temporary extension of broader telehealth coverage under Medicare beyond the COVID-19 PHE

- Purpose would be to study its ability to promote proper use and access to care
- Request highlights how the Administration is expanding access to mental health and beneficiary-centered care under Medicare via greater use of telehealth and other telecommunications technologies
- The budget also requests $45 million for HRSA to promote telehealth among providers and others
  - 25% increase over FY 2022

Highlights shift to value-based care across many programs and how to facilitate the number of providers participating in value-based payment models

- Value-based purchasing programs emphasized
- Underscores opportunities around value-based insurance design

Administrative proposal would have SSA increase sharing of race and ethnicity data with CMS for current and prospective Medicare beneficiaries, and consider expanding collection of detailed data
ONC Budget Request Includes $40 Million Increase

- ONC budget focuses on advancing the development and use of health IT capabilities and moving toward an interoperable nationwide health IT infrastructure
- FY 2023 budget requests $104 million at the program level for ONC, an increase of $40 million above the FY 2022 enacted level
  - 180 FTEs (consistent with previous years)
  - These resources will be provided through the Public Health Services Act Evaluation set-aside
- $52 million for ONC’s Standards, Certification, and Interoperability work
  - $20 Million increase over the FY 2022 funding level
- $39 million to advance the implementation of the TEFCA Common Agreement through the three-year Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources Roadmap
  - $18 Million increase over FY 2022
- $20 million to continue the agency’s work in implementing strategies to make health information more readily available to patients and to further its equity-by-design approach
- 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 will 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 would be made publicly available and legally binding
    - These advisory opinions could help reduce the challenges actors face in determining whether a particular practice constitutes information blocking
HHS OIG Includes Budget to Enforce Information Blocking Regulations

- Request includes $454 million for OIG, a $37 million increase above the FY 2022 enacted level
  - Request calls for 1,638 FTEs in FY 2023, a 39-person increase
- $5 million included to execute investigative and enforcement authorities related to information blocking
  - OIG is authorized to execute investigative and enforcement authorities related to information blocking
  - Request highlights the availability and liquidity of electronic health information as a critical element of a high-functioning healthcare system
- OIG will invest in hiring personnel, training them, and funding investigative and enforcement litigation related to information blocking
DoD and VA EHR Modernization Efforts Prioritized in FY 2023 Budget Request

- For VA, Budget Request includes $1.759 billion for VA’s EHR modernization efforts
  - Includes $1.119 billion for EHR Contract
  - $505.0 million in additional funding requested for infrastructure projects required to support Electronic Health Record Modernization

- $5.8 billion also included for VA’s Office of Information Technology
  - Support for cybersecurity, financial management business transformation, claims automation and the infrastructure readiness program

- DoD budget request asks for $55.8 billion for military health care

- DOD continues to proceed with a multi-year implementation of MHS GENESIS
  - MHS GENESIS is deployed at 66 MTFs and more than 1,300 individual locations with more than 93,000 active DOD users of that system
  - Deployment will be completed by the end of calendar year 2023, on schedule