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United States Congress

CR time for Congress: With the end of the federal fiscal year ending on September 30th and no appropriations bills as of yet passed into law, the United States Congress will need to pass a continuing resolution that will keep the federal government operating until appropriation bills can be passed. On Wednesday the House of Representatives Rules Committee filed [a bill](#) that authorizes funding for discretionary federal programs at a level based on the \$1.043 trillion limit established in the [Budget Control Act](#). This funding level is just a little more than a 1% reduction in federal discretionary funding compared to FY11. The House proposed bill would keep the federal government operating through November 18th. It is anticipated that both the House and Senate will vote on the House proposed CR next week.

Administration

CMS EXTENDS deadline for “bundled payment” proposals: The [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS), working through the [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation](#) (CMMI) is seeking proposals addressing four types of innovative payment models referred to as the Bundled Payment for Care Improvement Initiative. Faculty with strong, effective working partnerships with inpatient and or community-based organizations are encouraged to seek their partners input in developing a proposal in response to one of the four models that address [bundled payment models](#). In a notice sent from CMMI on Thursday September 15, 2011 **the deadline for letters of intent addressing Model 1 HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 6, 2011.**

HHS agencies aim to save 1 million lives: On Tuesday, agencies within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, rolled out the [One Million Hearts initiative](#). The collaborative effort of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Health Resources and Services Administration among the many agencies are committed, through public-private partnerships to reduce annual deaths associated with heart disease by one million individuals over the next five years. Pharmacy organizations, including AACP, have joined HHS in bringing to attention of our members and the public the role pharmacy faculty, students, and professionals can play in reducing the number of deaths associated with heart disease. The One Million Hearts web page allows you to [sign up to participate](#) and partner with HHS to reduce the rate of heart disease related deaths in the United States.

HRSA PSPC webinar a success: On Wednesday, AACP co-hosted a presentation with the Health Resources and Services Administration Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative to build interest among AACP members for participation in the Collaborative. For those of you that are interested in joining the collaborative in this fourth cycle information and resources are available on the [Collaborative web page](#). This is an excellent opportunity for all AACP members to be part of a reorganized health system that supports patient-centered, team-based care to some of our nation’s most medically needy patients. AACP encourages all colleges and schools of pharmacy to join the Collaborative!

NIH to host dissemination and implementation conference: The National Institutes of Health will host its 5th annual Conference on the [Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Research at the Crossroads](#). The conference will be held March 19-20, 2012 in Bethesda, MD. The Conference organizers are seeking abstract submissions for oral presentations, posters and panels. The deadline for abstract submission is November 10, 2011. Information is available through the hyperlink above. AACP members engaged in health services research, especially those engaged in clinical translation (T2) research are encouraged to consider submitting proposals. All faculty supported by NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards should submit proposals for the work they are undertaking. NIH resources include a [list of research](#) relevant to dissemination and implementation science

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