

the Title VII, Health Careers and Opportunity Program for the first time since FY 2012. The House draft proposes to increase HRSA's Rural Programs in FY2017 to include an additional \$10 million for a Rural Opioid Overdose Reversal grant program.

The committee adopted an amendment offered by Labor-HHS Subcommittee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) by voice vote to ensure that women in their forties and those 75 and over do not have co-pays for mammograms despite the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force [recommendation](#). It also approved by voice vote an amendment by Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) directing the CDC to coordinate with other agencies and states on the public health effects of algal blooms.

The committee defeated several amendments which sought to;

- strike the restriction on CDC funds being used for research on gun violence
- increase funding to the CDC's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program and the CDC's Safe Water programs
- restore funding for Title X family planning
- restore funding for the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health
- increase funding for NIH by \$750 million and direct \$555 million of the additional funds to the National Cancer Institute
- allocate \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental spending to fully fund the Administration's request for Zika research and prevention programs
- restore funding for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program to the current 2016 levels.

Progress on the annual appropriations process appears stalled. The Senate rejected a second attempt on Thursday, July 14 to vote on a pending appropriations measure.

## **6. AAFP PROMOTES HEALTH IS PRIMARY ON CAPITOL HILL**

The AAFP participated in the 2016 Coalition for Health Funding Public Health Fair on Wednesday, July 13. The event was attended by several legislators including the founding co-chairs of the Congressional Public Health Caucus, Reps. Rob Wittman (R-VA) and Gene Green (D-TX), representatives from throughout the health advocacy community, and legislative staff.

## **7. FamMedPAC HEADING TO CONVENTIONS; SUPPORTS IMPORTANT LEGISLATORS**

FamMedPAC is heading to both the Republican and Democratic presidential conventions at the to help promote AAFP's legislative agenda. FamMedPAC is co-sponsoring a reception for Congressional legislators at each convention with several other physician medical specialty societies. These gatherings are another opportunity for FamMedPAC to raise the visibility of AAFP and primary care. FamMedPAC supported the following legislators before Congress recessed:

- **Rep. Sandy Levin (D-MI)**, senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.
- **Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)**, Chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and a member of the Labor-HHS Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT)**, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee.
- **Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)**, Chair of Senate Finance's Health Subcommittee.

## **8. SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REEXAMINES THE STARK LAW**

On Tuesday, July 12, the Senate Committee on Finance held a hearing on whether the Stark law (which limits certain physician referrals and compensation arrangements in Medicare) continues to serve a useful public purpose in the era of value-based payment and delivery, and particularly after the enactment of MACRA.