



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

August 11, 2016

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plans to transfer up to \$76.6 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 appropriations as well as transfer and reprogram repurposed Ebola emergency funding resources appropriated to the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to support the increased resource needs due to Zika response and preparedness activities in FY 2016. I am providing this notification consistent with the requirements of sections 514(b) and 205 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (P.L. 114-113) and section 604 of Title VI of division G of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235).

HHS is making the additional resources available to carry out the following activities:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH): Using the Secretary's one percent transfer authority, HHS will transfer \$34.2 million to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to support increased resource needs due to Zika during FY 2016. The repurposed funding for FY 2016 will allow NIH to begin the process of setting up Phase II trials for the DNA-based vaccine that entered a Phase I trial on August 2, 2016. Without this transfer, critical vaccine development activities would be delayed.
- Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR): ASPR will receive a total of \$47.4 million to support increased resource needs due to Zika during FY 2016 for Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) advanced development of medical countermeasures. The amount is comprised of three parts. HHS will transfer \$28.4 million in FY 2016 appropriations to ASPR using the Secretary's one percent transfer authority. In addition, HHS will transfer \$14 million in repurposed Ebola Emergency balances from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and reprogram \$5 million in repurposed Ebola Emergency balances initially allocated to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Additional funding will enable BARDA to provide financing to private sector partners for the development of

innovative Zika vaccines and vaccine platform technologies. Without these additional funds, these activities would be curtailed later this month.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): CDC will receive a transfer of \$14 million using the Secretary's one percent transfer authority to maintain support for their planned FY 2016 Zika-response efforts. In addition, using the transfer authority included in the Ebola Emergency appropriation, CDC will transfer \$14 million in repurposed Ebola Emergency balances to ASPR for Zika-related activities.

Enclosed is a table that details the contributions that support the transfers described above. I appreciate the Subcommittee's continued interest in and support of the activities of HHS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia M. Burwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sylvia M. Burwell

Enclosures