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Timeline of key recent federal actions on Zika funding

Fall 2015 Increase in microcephaly reported: Brazil reports an unusual increase in the number of cases of microcephaly among newborns and declares a national public health emergency. Zika is increasingly found in neighboring countries.

Feb 2015 President Obama requests \$1.9 billion from Congress for Zika research and prevention

March 2016 CDC, WHO conclude causal relationship between Zika and birth defects: WHO announces scientific consensus on a link between microcephaly and the Zika virus.

Administration taps into Ebola funding, Congress passes priority voucher bill: In absence of Congressional funding, the administration moved \$510 million from Ebola response and prevention and another \$75 million from other efforts. Congress passed a bill allowing the FDA to make Zika drug developers eligible as a priority voucher, but not allocating funding.

House and Senate pass separate Zika-related bills – conference stalls: The Senate bill offered \$1.1 billion while the House's bill offered \$622 million in funding.

June 2016 House passes federal spending bill allocating \$1.1 billion to Zika, Senate votes bill down: GOP representatives passed a Zika-related provision in a spending bill with policy riders related to Planned Parenthood affiliates. Senate Democrats refused to pass the bill.

Congress breaks for recess with no action on Zika funding: The House bill failed in the Senate after months of negotiation, eliminating any possibility of allocating money to prevent the spread of Zika in the US over the summer.

Congress passes CR with \$1.1 billion for Zika response: Congress reached a deal to fund the government and provide emergency funds for the federal Zika response.

Potential actions in 114th Congress

 Before the beginning of FY17, Congress passed a continuing resolution that includes \$1.1 billion in emergency funding to combat the 7ika virus

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