

# Proposed legislation to fund the government could also provide short-term relief for CHIP

The bill would temporarily lift some spending constraints that could allow states to obtain more money for CHIP

## The government is set to run out of money by Friday, December 8

- The bill, first mentioned by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (R-OR), would fund the government through December 22, a two-week extension past the current deadline



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has said CHIP funding will be provided in the second year-end spending bill later this month

- Democrats had previously been pushing to include a funding reauthorization plan in the first short-term government funding bill



CHIP is funded jointly by the federal government and by states, and since funding expired in September, CMS has been awarding millions in unused funds to states

- A provision in the proposed legislation would make it easier for states to receive leftover money from CMS
- The bill would lift the restrictions on the amount of unused funds states can receive until the end of the year

