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News From the Hill

Reports from Capitol Hill indicate that law makers (on a bipartisan and bicameral basis) continue to inch towards an overarching deal on budget caps. The absence of such an agreement has thus far prevented enactment of the annual appropriations bills for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. Initially, conservatives were pushing for enhanced military spending paid for through deep cuts to non-defense discretionary programs while moderates were seeking to increase spending caps for both defense and non-defense programs.



Consistent with previous budget and appropriations cycles, legislators appear to be moving towards an agreement that would boost both defense and non-defense spending.

The ongoing lack of consensus on spending caps and funding priorities partially contributed to the mid-January government shutdown as law makers were unable to muster support for an extension of the short-term level-funding mechanism known as continuing resolution (CR) that was being used to keep government programs operating at their FY 2017 levels. The government re-opened when law makers passed another short-term CR that will expire on February 8th. While Congress is unlikely to have a budget deal by then and the appropriations bills will remain outstanding, it is unlikely that another shutdown will occur and very likely that law makers will pass yet another CR that will last into March.

Optimism is building on Capitol Hill and there is an expectation that the additional time provided by the mid-March CR will facilitate a budget agreement, positive funding adjustments to certain programs, and subsequent enactment of FY 2018 appropriations. For FY 2018, NIH currently has a \$2 billion funding increase pending and individual programs like CTSA's and IDeA are primed for meaningful increases as well. While there is still some uncertainty and a great deal of procedural ground for legislators to cover, it appears that FY 2018 funding will be appropriated in the spring, and that completion of the annual process will result in significant funding increases for federal medical research programs and enhanced support for the full spectrum of medical research.

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New Issue: Journal of Clinical and Translational Science



The fourth issue of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science has been published. [Volume 1 / Issue 5, October 2017](#) is now available for viewing!

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Translational Science Today



CTSA Deal of the Year Award goes to Georgia Bio

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