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Dear Healthy Start Project Directors,

We know that this has been a stressful and confusing period regarding the ongoing federal budget. NHSA has been monitoring the budget process and is providing the following information as an update to many of your questions about the status of funding as well as questions about potential cuts.

As you know, because Congress failed to enact a budget for FY 2024 (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024), it passed multiple short-term appropriations bills, called "continuing resolutions," to keep the government open. Themost recent continuing resolution "laddered" the dates on which programs expired, with some expiring on March 1 and others on March 8. **Healthy Start programs, which are funded under the Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bill**, **were slated to expire on March 8, 2024.**

However, earlier today, the House of Representatives passed another continuing resolution which again laddered the time deadlines in which programs will expire. We expect the Senate to pass the legislation tomorrow, and the President to sign it into law. The new continuing resolution extends the expiration periods as follows:

- **Deadline #1: March 8:** Programs underAgriculture, Energy-Water, Military Construction-VA, and Transportation-HUD will expire at midnight on **March 8, 2024**; and

- **Deadline #2: March 22:** Programs under Commerce-Justice-Science, Defense, Financial Services-General Government, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, **Labor-HHS-Education,**Legislative Branch, and State-Foreign Operations will expire on March 22, 2024. **Healthy Start programs are funded under the Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bill and thus will expire at midnight on March 22, 2024, if Congress does not pass an appropriations bill**.

This most recent continuing resolution will be the 4th short-term extension that kicks the can down the road and keeps programs essential to the health and wellbeing of children and families in funding limbo. We recognize the

grave consequences this has had on your programs, staff and the families and communities your programs serve. We are working to ensure that Congress is aware of the consequences of their failure to pass the FY 2024 budget. Please continue to reach out to your Congressional representatives to inform them of the dire consequences of their inaction on the families and communities they are entrusted to represent.

Future Sequestration Spending Reductions for FY 2025 (October 1-2024-September 30, 2025)

Last year, as part of the deficit limit negotiations, Congress established overall spending limits. In the event that Congress exceeds those spending limits for FY 2025, a budgetary process known as "sequestration"will be triggered to impose across-the-board cuts on government spending by as much as 6-9 percent for FY 2025 spending. While across-the-board cuts of this magnitude would not eliminate Healthy Start, it would have significant impacts on already constrained funding for Healthy Start programs.

The deadline for Congressional appropriators to resolve appropriations funding within the budget limits is April 30, 2024. At that time, we will have a clearer picture if spending cuts will be triggered. In your outreach to members, please let them know the gravity of any funding decrease for the Healthy Start Program and its negative impact on the health and wellbeing of mothers, infants, and communities. We will continue to advocate for full funding.

This is both a slow moving and an ever-changing process. We will try to keep you updated as we get additional information. Please feel free to contact us if you need additional information.

On behalf of the NHSA Board of Directors, thank you for your work on behalf of Healthy Start families and communities.

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