

**Federal Funding for Health Services Research  
(as of March 2009)**

Funding (in millions)								
Agency	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	President FY 2009 Request	House Mark FY 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Senate Mark FY 2009	FY 2009 Final	Coalition Minimum Target	Coalition Projected Need
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$319	\$334.6	\$325.6	\$375	\$334.6	\$372	\$360	\$500
<i>AHRQ ARRA Funding</i>	--	--	--	--	--	\$300 <sup>2</sup>	--	--
<i>Dept. of Health &amp; Human Services ARRA Funding</i>	--	--	--	--	--	\$400 <sup>3</sup>	--	--
CDC: National Centers for Health Statistics	\$107	\$113.6	\$124.7	\$124.7	\$124.7	\$124.7	\$125	\$175
CDC: Public Health Research	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$31	\$33	\$50
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	\$32	\$31	\$31	\$22.6	\$33.5	\$31	\$45 <sup>4</sup>	\$80
HRSA: Rural Health Research	\$8.7	\$8.6	\$8.7	\$9.7	\$9	\$8.7	\$10	\$25
National Institutes of Health	\$730 <sup>5</sup>	\$743 <sup>6</sup>	\$965 <sup>7</sup>	\$1,000 <sup>7</sup>	\$999 <sup>7</sup>	\$879 <sup>8</sup>	\$1,000 <sup>9</sup>	\$1,500 <sup>10</sup>
<i>NIH ARRA Funding</i>	--	--	--	--	--	\$638 <sup>11</sup>	--	--
Veterans Health Administration	\$64.2	\$73 <sup>12</sup>	\$68 <sup>12</sup>	\$77.5 <sup>12</sup>	\$81.7 <sup>12</sup>	\$79 <sup>12</sup>	\$86 <sup>13</sup>	\$100

1 These figures represent spending levels as passed by the House Labor-HHS-Education appropriations subcommittee. The full committee markup that was to take place June 26 was not rescheduled.

2 Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), AHRQ received \$300 million in one-time funding for comparative effectiveness research. This funding must be obligated by September 30, 2010.

3 Under ARRA, HHS received \$400 million in one-time funding for comparative effectiveness research. This funding must be obligated by September 30, 2010.

4 This target represents funding for discretionary R&D; it does not include earmarks for special projects.

5 Health services research dollars as reported by the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT). NIH launched its RePORT site early in 2009. Data presented are compiled under a new process, at the request of Congress, with the goal of providing better consistency and transparency in the reporting of its funded research. Due to methodology changes, NIH now believes the annual total for health services research is more accurately estimated at \$730 million rather than the \$1,023 it had previously reported.

6 Health services research dollars as reported by the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORT).

7 This figure represents what we expected health services research would receive if it maintained its historic proportion (prior to the data release of RePORT) of overall NIH funding (roughly 3.30 percent). The final FY 2008 omnibus bill provided NIH \$29.2 billion in FY 2008; the president's FY 2009 budget request provides the same. The House bill provides \$30.4 billion, and the Senate bill provides \$30.3 billion.

8 This figure represents what we expect health services research would receive if it maintains its current proportion of overall NIH funding (roughly 2.9 percent of \$30.3 billion in FY 2009).

9 Prior to the release of NIH's RePORT, the Coalition's NIH target was 3.30 percent of the overall funding target agreed upon by the broader health research community. This target for overall NIH funding is \$30.8 billion in FY 2009.

10 Prior to the release of NIH's RePORT, the "projected need" sought by the Coalition represented what NIH's health services research budget would be if its share of \$30.8 billion (health community's budget target for FY 2009) were increased from 3.3 percent to 5 percent.

11 This figure represents the \$400 million in one-time funding NIH received under ARRA for comparative effectiveness research. This figure also includes \$238 million, which is 2.9 percent of the total \$8.2 billion NIH received for research activities. This formula is the same used to calculate the figure we expect health services research to receive in FY 2009 if it maintains its current proportion of overall NIH funding.

12 This figure represents what we expect health services research would receive if it maintains its current proportion of overall VA Medical and Prosthetic Research funding (roughly 15.5 percent). The FY 2009 appropriations bill provided \$510 million for this research.

13 The Coalition's VHA target is roughly 15.5 percent of the overall funding target agreed upon by the Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research (FOVA). FOVA's target for overall VHA funding is \$555 million in FY 2009.

Sources: *Federal Funding for Health Services Research*, Coalition for Health Services Research (Feb. 2008), *Budget of the United States Government*, Office of Management and Budget (FY 2009), H.R. 2764 (FY 2008 omnibus), H.R. 2638 (FY 2009 continuing resolution), H.R. 1 (American Recover and Reinvestment Act), H.R. 1105 (FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act).

Note: Coalition targets are established annually by the Coalition for Health Services Research Board of Directors. The Coalition's "minimum target" reflects what funding for health services research would be in FY 2008 if funding had kept up with inflation since FY 2005 and represents what the agencies and programs need to sustain the current scope of work. The Coalition's "projected need" represents what programs and agencies need to expand their current scope of work and address priorities of the field of health services research, such as greater investment in the next generation of researchers, methods development, data sets, and comparative effectiveness research.