# **Legislative Update**

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FY21 Appropriations

Telehealth Advocacy/Legislation

COVID-19Supplemental Funding



## FY21 Appropriations – 29 days to go

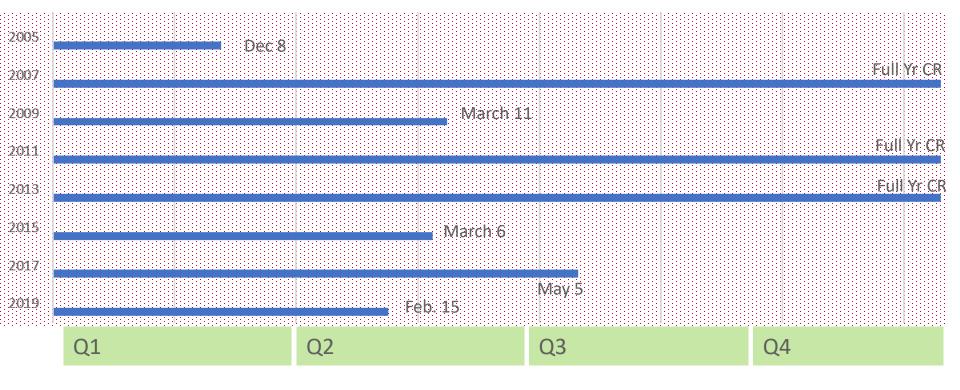
- House bill passed in July, NIH +\$5.5B (total \$47B)
  - \$5B in emergency funding
  - NCI total \$6.908B
  - \$6.299 base + \$414M EF + \$195M Moonshot
- Continuing Resolution Inevitable
  - How long? Will it be combined with supplemental?
  - Election year effects next Congress may decide

# **Election Year History Belies Ambitious Talk on Appropriations**

"Election years tend to chill swift movement on appropriations bills — especially when there's potential turnover in leadership of one or both chambers. That's in part because lawmakers want to focus on campaigning and are back home more than usual, and party leaders tend to want to shield vulnerable members from tough votes.

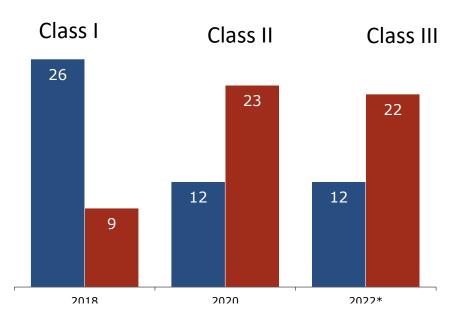
It's also because the party out of power has an incentive to withhold support if they believe they can take control the following year and can shape spending measures more to their liking."

## **Timing of Appropriations in Election Years: FY2005 – FY2019**



#### Democrats, Republicans took turns playing defense in 2018 and 2020





<sup>\*</sup>Based on current incumbents, before special elections in GA and AZ in November 2020 Source: The Cook Political Report, 2018.

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# The telemedicine genie is out of the bottle

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"Since mid-March, over 9 million beneficiaries have used telemedicine in traditional medicine, an over 5,000 percent increase from the prior three months."

- Executive action: COVID-19 public health emergency and beyond
- Legislative proposals: several bills introduced during in recent months
- Advocacy: broad coalition pressing for temporary/permanent changes

### Still No Deal on Next Supplemental

### May 15 - House passed \$3 trillion HEROES Act, 208-199

**NIH:** \$4,021,000,000...to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally

- \$3,000,000,000 for offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic or public health measures related to the coronavirus pandemic
- \$1,021,000,000 to support additional scientific research or the programs and platforms that support research

### July 27 – Senate leadership announces HEALS Act, 8 bills totaling \$1 trillion

\$15.5 billion, with \$10.1 billion for "offsetting the costs related to reductions in lab productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic."

# Mnuchin Says Stimulus Talks Remain Stalled THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.







Mark Meadows predicts no Covid-19 relief bill until after September

#### **POLITICO**

'We're not budging': Efforts to restart coronavirus talks sputter

A call between Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Mark Meadows was the first communication since talks broke down earlier this month.

**POLITICO** 

### 2020 congressional calendar

■ Both chambers in session ■ Senate only in session ■ House only in session ■ House is convened remotely for committee work

#### September

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#### **November**

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Sources: RollCall, Ballotpedia.

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## Questions?

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