

# Election 2016:

## What does it mean for public health?

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# Welcome

- Election results may have come as a surprise
- Changing landscape, but always is with new Administration
- NACCHO's priorities remain the same
  - Being the voice for locals in DC
  - Advocating for programs and funding to strengthen HDs and communities
- You too must step up and tell your story



# Overview

- One-party rule
- Public Health Opportunities
- Budget Challenges
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
- Affordable Care Act
- Medicare/Medicaid
- NACCHO Activities
- NACCHO Transition Priorities
- Take Action



# One-party Rule Returns

- President-Elect Donald Trump/Vice President Mike Pence
- Republican Majority in House and Senate
- New Senate Minority Leader
  - 60 Votes Needed to Pass Most Legislation
- New Members of Congress
  - 30 Democrats
  - 26 Republicans



# Public Health Opportunities

- Support for PH is bi-partisan
- Prevention Saves \$\$\$\$
- Local health departments improve economic well-being, educational success and nationwide competitiveness
- Infectious disease prevention, immunization, emergency preparedness are bipartisan issues
- Zika provides a case study of why sustained funding is needed.



# Budget Caps

- Strict caps limiting spending return in FY2018
- Sequestration created “firewall” between defense and non-defense spending
- Trump plan calls for 1% cuts to non-defense for 10 years
- Programs most vulnerable are chronic disease, environmental health and family planning.
- If PPHF is eliminated, pressures on health, education and labor spending increase.



# Mandatory Funding is at Risk

- Prevention and Public Health Fund provides **13%** of CDC's budget in FY2016
  - Immunization, lead poisoning and other programs
- Community Health Centers
- Nurse Home Visiting Program
- State Children's Health Insurance Program



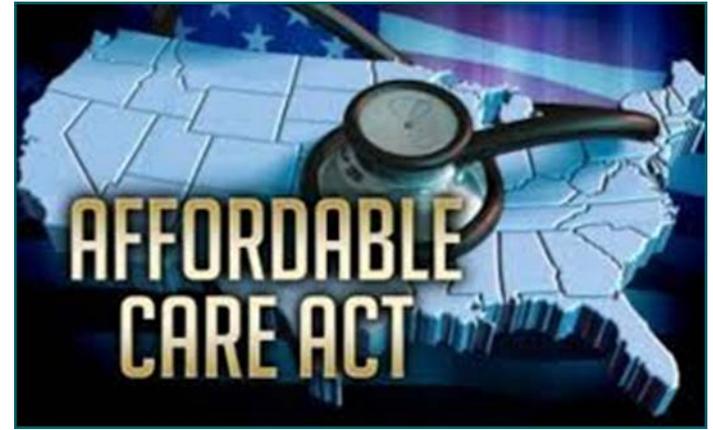
# President Trump's First Budget

- FY2018 Budget Proposal expected in March/Apr. 2017
- A president's first budget lays out major policy priorities
- Trump not tied to traditional Republican interests
- Has shown willingness to “buck the tide”



# Future of Affordable Care Act

- In 2015 Republicans passed and President Obama vetoed a bill to repeal parts of the ACA.
- Some possible changes in 2017:
  - Repeal individual and employer mandate
  - Roll back Medicaid expansion
  - End exchange subsidies
  - Filling in Part D donut hole
  - Ability for young adults to stay on parents' insurance
  - Pre-existing condition exclusions



# Replace ACA with What?

- Allow Sale of Health Insurance Across State Lines
- Allow Individuals to Deduct Health Insurance Premiums From Taxes
- Create Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
- Concerns from:
  - Health care industry
  - Governors
  - Employers
  - Beneficiaries of the law
- Transition/replace can take up to 2 years



# Medicare/Medicaid

- Speaker Ryan's Medicare/Medicaid Roadmap
  - Rolling back Medicaid expansion
  - Block granting Medicaid to States OR per-capita cap with flexibility on eligibility, benefits, and program structure
  - Defined contribution for Medicare
  - Future of Center for Medicare/Medicaid Innovation?



# Medicare/Medicaid

- Healthcare payment and delivery reform is likely to continue
- Transition from volume to value and focus on quality
- Implementation of MACRA (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act) likely



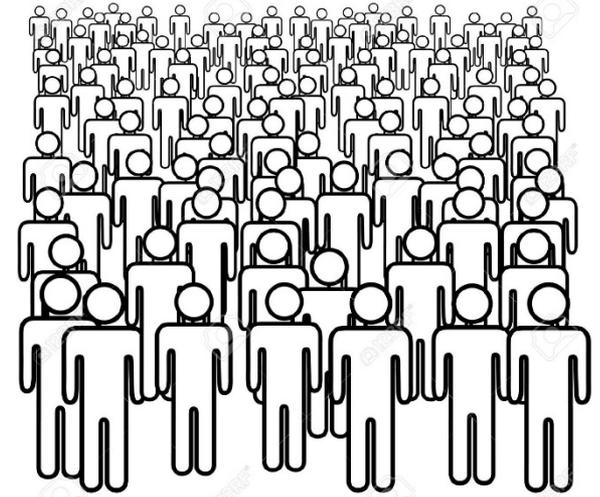
# NACCHO Transition Priorities

- Policymakers urged to support local health department capacity to:
  - Serve as chief community health strategist
  - Prepare and respond quickly to emergencies
  - Improve health for all by acting on factors outside health care
  - Protect the safety net as changes are made to health care access



# NACCHO Transition Priorities

- Policymakers urged to:
  - Support the governmental public health system through funding
  - Transition the health care system to focus on population health improvement (including access to health care for all)



# NACCHO Activities

- Share policy priorities with transition team
- Engage the Office of Management and Budget on FY2018 President's budget proposal
- Hill visits in January, Feb, March, and April
  - Members on Committees of Jurisdiction and Appropriations
  - All new Members
- Engage and support CDC and HHS staff throughout transition process
- Working with partners on issues of common interest



# Take Action

- Get to know your Members of Congress and staff
- Work with community partners to advance public health message
- NACCHO resources:  
<http://www.naccho.org/advocacy>
- Visit NACCHO's Legislative Action Center & join NACCHO's Congressional Action Network  
<http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/take-action>



# Discussion and Questions

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