

APA Federal Advocacy and Policy Update

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Federal Advocacy & Policy Update: Key Highlights From APA Services

Congress remains at an impasse over renewing expired ACA premium tax subsidies, and that disagreement is complicating broader FY2026 government funding negotiations. The federal government is currently operating under a stopgap funding measure that expires 1/30/26, and recent Senate votes on competing health care cost proposals failed on 12/11, with a House vote on a separate health package expected next week. APA Services is urging psychologists to take action and contact Congress to finalize FY2026 funding and protect programs critical to psychology; more than 2,200 messages have already been sent. Please complete the [action alert](#) to urge our Colorado Senators and Representatives to work together to pass bipartisan appropriations bills that protect critical investments in psychology education, research, and behavioral health services.

In related federal news, the U.S. Department of Education awarded \$200+ million on December 11 to 65 grantees through two school-based mental health programs—about half in rural districts—supporting workforce recruitment and training, including school psychologists. This is especially significant following the Department's earlier mid-cycle cancellation of hundreds of grants, which APA opposed.