Public Health Emergency Fund
A discussion

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DISEASE CAN SPREAD NEARLY ANYWHERE WITHIN 24 HOURS

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Delays in Funding for Public Health Emergencies

* Time between Presidential request and Congressional approval

- Hurricane Katrina (2005)
- H1N1 Influenza (2009)
- Hurricane Sandy (2012)
- Zika Virus (2016)
Delays in emergency $
Delays in emergency $ Hurt other priorities

**FIGURE 3: AREAS MOST NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY PHEP FUNDING REPROGRAMMING**

- Pre-event readiness: 74.7%
- Supplies: 54.6%
- Staffing levels: 47.2%
- Functional preparedness program areas: 34.6%
- Contractual services: 23.5%

One Possible Solution
Public Health Emergency Fund
Existing Authority:

- Secretary declares PHE
  - No-year fund
  - Report to Congress
- Supplement, not supplant
## Recent Proposals:

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Cassidy/Schatz bill:
Appropriates via funding formula
Control at HHS level
Flexibility for hiring, contracts
Benefits of PHEF:
Remove some politics
Jumpstart response
Reassurance to researchers
Potential Questions:
Response ≠ Preparedness
Short term solution
Attractive funding source?
Repeal of PPHF

Budget Caps

Higher Defense $
May still need supplemental $
What’s a Public Health Emergency?
Recommendations:
- Sufficient funding that is replenished
- Clarify preparedness vs. response
- Supplement, not supplant needs to be real
- Address bureaucratic challenges
Appropriate limitations:
- Clarify who is in charge
- How funding can be used
- Accountability
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