

# Public Policy Update

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## MIECHV REAUTHORIZATION UPDATE

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed another short-term [continuing resolution](#) to fund the federal government through February 16<sup>th</sup>. We are not yet certain if this legislation will pass the Senate, but the bill does not currently include a reauthorization of the MIECHV program as we had hoped. The bill does include a six-year reauthorization of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which we applaud given its impact on millions of at-risk families.

Once this next continuing resolution passes, Congress will need to address finalizing the budget to avoid a government shutdown again by February 16<sup>th</sup>. A number of unresolved priorities—including MIECHV and the other health extenders—are still waiting to be considered and the February 16<sup>th</sup> budget package will be the next opportunity to reauthorize this package of programs. MIECHV still enjoys strong bi-partisan support for a five-year reauthorization in both the House and Senate. However, we must convey the urgency to Congressional Leadership to get MIECHV done.

Today, NFP’s Acting President & CEO, Frank Daidone, sent [this letter](#) to House and Senate leadership regarding the urgent need to reauthorize MIECHV. Thank you to everyone who participated in this week’s Day of Action—we hope that you will continue to [contact your members](#) to express your disappointment that MIECHV continues to go unauthorized and we need to renew MIECHV now.

Additionally, if you are an NFP Implementing Agency experiencing hardship due to the lapse in MIECHV funding, we ask that you share your story with us using this [survey](#). We need to hear from you so Congress can know the consequences of not reauthorizing MIECHV.

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