

Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026
Section-by-Section Summary

DIVISION A—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Sections 101-115 are standard exemptions included in continuing resolutions (CR).

Sec. 101. Extension of Funding.

Section 101 extends funding provided for fiscal year 2025, with limited exceptions.

Sec. 102. Prevention of New or Accelerated Production and New Multi-Year Activities at DOD.

Section 102 prevents new starts, multi-year procurements, and accelerations at the Department of Defense (DOD) during a continuing resolution.

Sec. 103. Terms and Conditions.

Section 103 states that funds provided in the CR are available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided in the pertinent appropriations Act.

Sec. 104. Prevention of New Starts and Activities.

Section 104 prevents appropriations provided in the CR from being used for new starts and new activities.

Sec. 105. Technical Budget Matter.

Section 105 contains technical budget matter providing that appropriations in the CR are to be used to continue activities and programs during the CR.

Sec. 106. End Date of CR.

Section 106 continues the appropriations and authorities provided by the CR through November 21, 2025, or the enactment of the applicable full-year appropriations Act, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 107. Requirement to Charge CR Spending to Enacted Full-Year Appropriations Bill.

Section 107 requires that spending under the CR be charged to the full-year appropriations bill when such bill is enacted.

Sec. 108. Apportionment Timing During the CR.

Section 108 waives the normal time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments of accounts given the duration of a short-term CR.

Sec. 109. Expenditures for Grant Programs and Similar Payments.

Section 109 prevents agencies from spending money too quickly for grant programs and similar payments, to preserve Congress's final funding prerogatives for fiscal year 2026.

Sec. 110. Funding Should be Spent in the Most Limited Manner Possible.

Section 110 reiterates that funding should be spent in the most limited manner possible to continue projects and activities, as Congress has not made final funding determinations for fiscal year 2026.

Sec. 111. Operations of Mandatory Programs and Appropriated Entitlements.

Section 111 continues mandatory programs and appropriated entitlements.

Sec. 112. Restrictions on Furloughs or Termination of Employees.

Section 112 permits funds to be apportioned up to a rate for operations necessary to avoid furloughs.

Sec. 113. Waiver Language for Intelligence Programs.

Section 113 provides waiver language for certain intelligence programs and agencies.

Sec. 114. Updated Designation of Funds for Disaster Relief and Emergencies.

Section 114 updates designations of disaster relief and emergency funding for previously-appropriated funds.

Sec. 115. Directions for OMB and Agencies on Executing a CR.

Section 115 provides directions for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and agencies on execution of the CR, including on prior rescissions.

Sec. 116. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Section 116 allows the Department of Agriculture to continue providing food assistance to low-income women, infants, and children during the CR.

Sec. 117. Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program. Section 117 extends authorization of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program during the CR.

Sec. 118. Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services Program. Section 118 extends the authorization for the Agriculture Conservation Experienced Services program through the duration of the CR.

Sec. 119. U.S. Marshals Service, Salaries and Expenses and Additional Protective Activities. Section 119(a) authorizes the Department of Justice to obligate funding at an increased rate for operations. Section 119(b) provides \$30 million for Executive Branch protective services.

Sec. 120. Extension of Space Shuttle Funding Authority. Section 120 extends the authority for NASA to pay Space Shuttle funding obligations.

Sec. 121. Special Domestic Trafficking Assessment. Section 121 extends the Department of Justice's Special Domestic Trafficking Assessment during the CR.

Sec. 122. Ready Reserve Force. Section 122 allows the Ready Reserve Force to receive cash advances for reimbursable agreements specified in law to provide outlays for valid obligations.

Sec. 123. Air Force E-7 Rate of Operations. Section 123 provides rate of operations for continued development of the E-7 Wedgetail program.

Sec. 124. Air Force E-7 Transfer. Section 124 transfers previously appropriated funds for continued development of the E-7 Wedgetail program.

Sec. 125. Defense Production Act of 1950. Section 125 extends authorization of the Defense Production Act of 1950 for the period of the CR.

Sec. 126. Virginia Class Submarine Programs. Section 126 provides a rate for operations for the Virginia Class Submarine Programs.

Sec. 127. Calfed Bay-Delta Program. Section 127 allows for continued program management, oversight, and planning activities for the Calfed Bay-Delta program.

Sec. 128. Secure Transportation Asset. Section 128 ensures the National Nuclear Security Administration's ability to continue the safe, secure transport of nuclear weapons.

Sec. 129. OPM Postal Service Health Benefits Program. Section 129 raises the limitation on the Office of Personnel Management's trust fund to administer the Postal Service Health Benefits Program (PSHBP).

Sec. 130. District of Columbia Local Funds. Section 130 authorizes the District of Columbia to spend its local funds at the fiscal year 2026 level.

Sec. 131. Department of Treasury Salaries and Expenses G20. Section 131 increases the official representation allowance within the Department of Treasury's salaries and expenses account by \$1 million to accommodate planning for the 2026 G20 meeting.

Sec. 132. Small Business Loan Programs. Section 132 provides the Small Business Administration (SBA) with the authority to obligate funding necessary to accommodate potential increases in demand for business loans, commitments to guarantee trust certificates, and commitments to guarantee loan for debentures in SBA's 7(a) program, Small Business Investment Company, Secondary Markets Guarantee, and 504 programs.

Sec. 133. Department of Treasury Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence. Section 133 increases the rate of operations for the Department of Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence to strengthen its Network's core infrastructure to thwart criminals, terrorists, and other national security threats to the nation's financial system.

Sec. 134. Vice President, Executive Schedule, and Senior Executive Service Pay Freeze. Section 134 continues the senior political employee pay freeze established in PL 118-47 for the Vice President and employees serving in an Executive Schedule and Senior Executive Service position.

Sec. 135. CFTC Whistleblower Program. Section 135 extends the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)'s whistleblower program for the duration of the CR.

Sec. 136. Supreme Court Security. Section 136 provides an additional \$28 million funding for the security of the Supreme Court Justices.

Sec. 137. Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems. Section 137 extends the authorization for the Department of Homeland Security to mitigate the threat that unmanned aerial systems (*i.e.* drones) pose to the security of facilities or assets.

Sec. 138. Reimbursable Screening Services Program. Section 138 extends the authorization for the Transportation Security Administration Reimbursable Screening Services Program through the duration of the CR.

Sec. 139. Disaster Relief Fund. Section 139 allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly obligate funds provided by the CR for the Disaster Relief Fund to respond to disasters.

Sec. 140. National Cybersecurity Protection System. Section 140 extends the authorization for the use of public-private partnerships to strengthen cyber intrusion detection capabilities and protect federal networks through the duration of the CR.

Sec. 141. Cybersecurity Information Sharing Extension. Section 141 extends the authorization of certain liability protections to private sector entities that share cyber incident information with federal partners through the duration of the CR.

Sec. 142. State and Local Cyber Security Grants. Section 142 extends the authorization for grant programs that address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by state, local, Tribal, and territorial governments through the duration of the CR.

Sec. 143. Pittman-Robertson Act Interest-Bearing Account. Section 143 extends the availability of interest earned on invested Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act funds to carry out conservation efforts.

Sec. 144. Firefighter Pay Cap Waiver. Section 144 extends the authority for the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior to waive the premium pay cap limitation for wildland fire personnel for the period of the CR.

Sec. 145. Wildland Fire Management. Section 145 authorizes the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior to obligate funding in the Wildland Fire Management Suppression accounts at a rate for operations necessary for wildfire suppression operations.

Sec. 146. Tribal Health. Section 146 supports staffing and operating costs at newly constructed Tribal health care facilities.

Sec. 147. Environmental Protection Agency Water System. Section 147 provides a technical fix to repurpose previously awarded Environmental Protection Agency disaster funding to support ongoing operational expenses for a state water system, helping ensure residents continue to have access to clean drinking water.

Sec. 148. Head Start Grants to Compact of Free Association States. Section 148 provides the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services authority to reinstate eligibility for Head Start programs in the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands.

Sec. 149. Death Gratuity. Section 149 provides the customary payment to the beneficiaries of the late Representatives Sylvester Turner, Raúl M. Grijalva, and Gerald E. Connolly, who passed away while in office.

Sec. 150. Cost of Living. Section 150 maintains the current freeze on cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress.

Sec. 151. Member Security. Section 151 provides \$30 million in additional funding for security for Members of Congress.

Sec. 152. Veterans Affairs Native American Direct Loan Program. Section 152 includes the costs of direct loans to enable continued operations for a home loan program on federal trust land.

Sec. 153. United States International Development Finance Corporation. Section 153 extends the authorities for the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Sec. 154. Millennium Challenge Corporation. Section 154 extends the current Board quorum for the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Section 155. Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program. Section 155 allows the Department of Housing and Urban Development to use available funds to prevent evictions of households served by the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program.

Sec. 156. Essential Air Service Program. Section 156 ensures continued operations of the Department of Transportation's Essential Air Service program, which serves many rural communities.

Sec. 157. Motor Carrier Safety. Section 157 extends the Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005 through the duration of the CR.

DIVISION B—MISCELLANEOUS EXTENSIONS

Sec. 101. United States Grain Standards. This section extends the authorities of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) through November 21, 2025. The USGSA authorizes the development and maintenance of uniform grading standards for a defined set of grains and oilseeds, including corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, barley, oats, canola, and others. Key provisions of the USGSA expire on September 30, 2025, including the authority to collect fees for inspection services, the authorization of appropriations for non-fee-supported functions, the statutory cost cap on administrative expenses, and the formal authorization for the Federal Grain Inspection Service advisory committee.

DIVISION C—HEALTH EXTENDERS

TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDERS

Sec. 101. Extension for community health centers, National Health Service Corps, and teaching health centers that operate GME programs. This section reauthorizes the Community Health Center Fund, the National Health Service Corps, and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education program through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 102. Extension of special diabetes programs. This section reauthorizes the Special Diabetes Program for Type I Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 103. National health security extensions. This section reauthorizes certain existing authorities related to emergency preparedness and response activities and functions through November 21, 2025.

TITLE II—MEDICARE

Sec. 201. Extension of increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for certain low-volume hospitals. This section extends the Medicare low-volume hospital payment adjustment through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 202. Extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program. This section extends the Medicare-dependent Hospital (MDH) program through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 203. Extension of add-on payments for ambulance services. This section extends Medicare ground ambulance add-on payments through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 204. Extension of funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selection. This section authorizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to conduct quality measure selection and to contract with a consensus-based entity to carry out duties related to quality measure endorsement, input, and selection activities through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 205. Extension of funding outreach and assistance for low-income programs. This section provides funding for State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs), and a contract with an entity to inform older Americans about benefits available under Federal and State programs through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 206. Extension of the work geographic index floor. This section extends the 1.0 work geographic practice cost index (GPCI) floor used in the calculation of payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 207. Extension of certain telehealth flexibilities. This section extends Medicare telehealth flexibilities through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 208. Extending acute hospital care at home waiver authorities. This section extends the Acute Hospital Care at Home initiative, as currently authorized under CMS waivers and flexibilities, through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 209. Extension of temporary inclusion of authorized oral antiviral drugs as covered Part D drugs. This section extends Medicare Part D coverage of certain oral antiviral drugs through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 210. Extension of funding for Medicare hospice surveys. This section extends funding from the IMPACT Act of 2014 for the survey and certification of hospice providers through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 211. Medicare improvement fund. This section reduces the amount of funding in the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$1.804 billion to \$664 million.

TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES

Sec. 301. Sexual risk avoidance education extension. This section extends the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) program under Title V of the Social Security Act through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 302. Personal responsibility education extension. This section extends the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) under Title V of the Social Security Act through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 303. Extension of funding for family-to-family health information centers. This section extends funding for the Family-to-Family Health Information Centers Program through November 21, 2025.

TITLE IV—MEDICAID

Sec. 401. Delaying Medicaid DSH reductions. This section delays the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts, which are set to begin on October 1, 2025. The

remaining DSH cuts would be in effect beginning on November 21, 2025 through the remainder of FY26 and for FY27 and FY28. Additionally, the section would fund Tennessee’s DSH program through November 21, 2025.

TITLE V—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 501. Over-the-Counter Monograph Drug User Fee Amendments. This section reauthorizes the Over-the-Counter Monograph Drug User Fee Program (OMUFA) for fiscal years 2026 to 2030. Reauthorization of this program includes the negotiated agreement on performance goals and procedures between the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and industry for the upcoming five-year period, as well as provisions to improve transparency and accountability of the FDA relating to its regulation of over-the-counter (OTC) products, and allow for increased innovation and access to OTC products, such as sunscreen.

TITLE VI—NO SURPRISES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Sec. 601. Extension of Availability of Funding for No Surprises Act Implementation. This section would extend implementation funding for the No Surprises Act and appropriate an additional \$15 million to HHS for such purposes through November 21, 2025.

DIVISION D—VA EXTENDERS

VA EXTENDERS ACT OF 2025

TITLE I—HEALTH CARE MATTERS

Sec. 101. Extension of authority for collection of copayments for hospital care and nursing home care. This section would extend VA’s authority to collect copayments for inpatient hospital and nursing home care from September 30, 2025, to November 21, 2025.

Sec. 102. Extension of requirement to provide nursing home care to certain veterans with service-connected disabilities. This section would extend VA’s authority to provide nursing home care to veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 70 percent or more, or who require nursing home care for their service-connected disability, from September 30, 2025, to November 21, 2025.

Sec. 103. Extension of Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program. This section would extend VA’s authority to operate the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program until November 21, 2025.

Sec. 104. Extension of funding for expansion of Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement (RANGE) Program. This section would extend funding for VA’s RANGE program, which establishes rural mental health centers under the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act, from 2025 to 2026.

TITLE II—BENEFITS

Sec. 201. Extension of requirement for quarterly briefings on toxic exposure presumptions of Service of Connection Based Toxic Exposure. This section would extend VA’s requirement to provide quarterly briefings to Congress on toxic exposure presumptive condition determinations until December 31, 2026.

Sec. 202. Extension of requirement relating to restoration of entitlement to educational assistance in cases of closure or disapproval of educational institutions. This section would extend VA’s authority to restore education benefits for veterans impacted by school closures or program disapprovals from September 30, 2025, to November 21, 2025.

Sec. 203. Extension of temporary clarification of licensure requirements for contractor medical professionals to perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs under pilot program for use of contract physicians for disability examinations. This section would extend VA’s pilot program authority allowing contractor physicians without state licensure in the state of practice to conduct disability exams from five years to six years total.

Sec. 204. Extension of authority to maintain regional office in the Republic of the Philippines. This section would extend VA’s authority to operate its regional office in Manila, Philippines, from September 30, 2025, to November 21, 2025.

TITLE III—HOUSING

Sec. 301. Extension of authorization of appropriations for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children reintegration grant program. This section would extend authorization for \$1,000,000 in annual appropriations for the Department of Labor’s grant program supporting employment reintegration for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children through 2026.

Sec. 302. Extension of authority for treatment and rehabilitation for seriously mentally ill and homeless veterans. This section would extend VA’s Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) program which provides outreach, case management, residential treatment, and

community partner coordination and resources to homeless veterans, including general treatment and site-specific services—through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 303. Extension of funding for financial assistance for supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing. This section would extend VA’s authority and would make available \$92,000,000 for “medical services” to operate the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, a grant program for community organizations that provides support to very low-income veteran families experiencing or at risk of homelessness through rapid housing, rental assistance, case management, and other services through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 304. Extension of funding for grant program for homeless veterans with special needs. This section would extend VA’s grant program and would make \$833,333 for “medical services” available for community organizations serving homeless veterans with special needs—including women veterans, elderly veterans, and those with children—through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 305. Extension of authority to provide assistance for specially adapted housing for disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member. This section would extend VA’s authority to provide adapted housing support for disabled veterans living temporarily in family-owned residences through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 306. Extension of authority for specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program. This section would extend VA’s authority to operate the specially adapted housing assistive technology grant program which enables more disabled veterans to live independently through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 307. Improvements to Partial Claim Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This section would strengthen VA’s Partial Claim Program by clarifying its relation to other loan servicing powers, extending the major disaster period of protection from 120 to 180 days, maintaining guaranty percentages while reducing balances proportionally, holding borrowers liable for losses to VA in case of default, and authorizing VA to recover costs and interest as with other federal debts.

Sec. 308. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports on Partial Claim Program and other matters. This section would require GAO to provide annual reports on the Partial Claim Program’s performance, including data on claims, redefaults, foreclosures, and comparisons to other mitigation tools—and to issue a final assessment one year prior to program termination.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

Sec. 401. Extension of subpoena authority of the VA Inspector General. This section would extend the VA OIG’s authority to subpoena witness testimony as necessary to carry out the office’s duties from September 30, 2025 until November 21, 2025.

Sec. 402. Extension of authority for VA to transport individuals to and from VA facilities. This section would extend VA’s authority to provide critical transportation services through its Veterans Transportation Services Program for veterans traveling to and from medical appointments from September 30, 2025 to November 21, 2025.

Sec. 403. Extension of authority relating to the vendee loan program. This section would extend VA’s authority to operate the vendee loan program, which sells acquired properties to veterans, through November 21, 2025.

Sec. 404. Extension of authority for transfer of real property. This section would extend VA’s authority to transfer unneeded or unused property to homeless service providers, historic preservation groups, or Native American Tribes through November 21, 2025.

DIVISION E—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 101. Budgetary effects. This section provides standard, technical budgetary effects provisions for this Act.