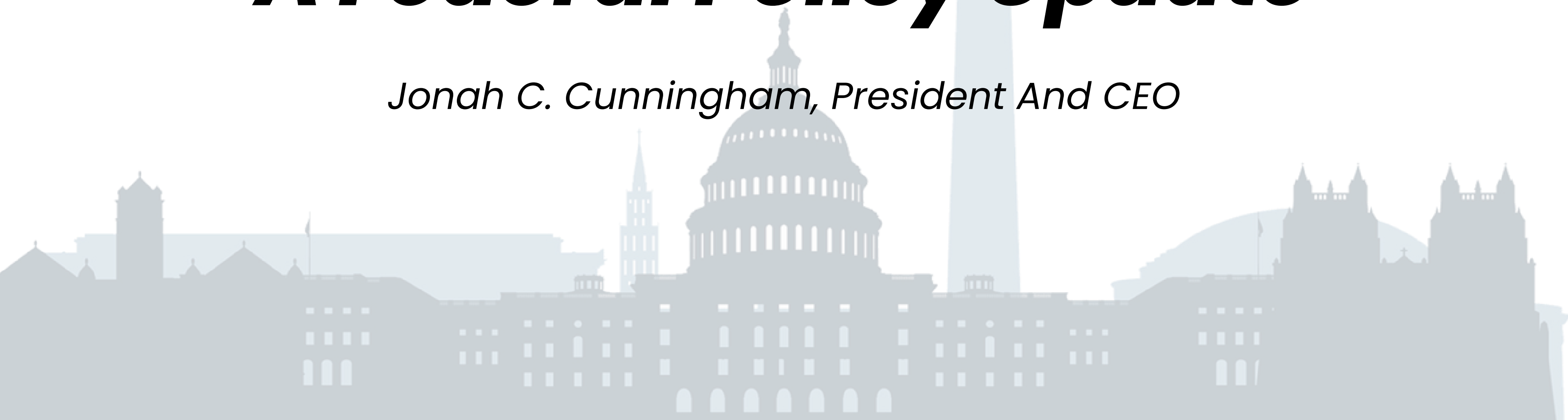




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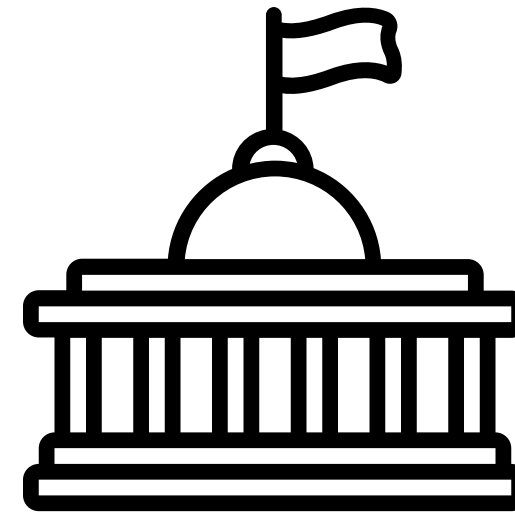
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About NACBHDD

- Founded in 1989
- Represents Local Authorities
- Dual Focus on I/DD and Behavioral Health
- Affiliate of NACo





Ground Rules & Goals





Goals for Presentation

- Share Context for Policy Developments
- Provide Updates
- Give Tools for Education & Outreach



Ground Rules

- We are Non-Partisan
- Situation is Evolving
- Questions are Welcomed



Federal Government Background





Legislative Branch

- Two Chambers (House & Senate)
- Power of the Purse
- Confirmation of Presidential Appointments (Senate)
- “Necessary & Proper”



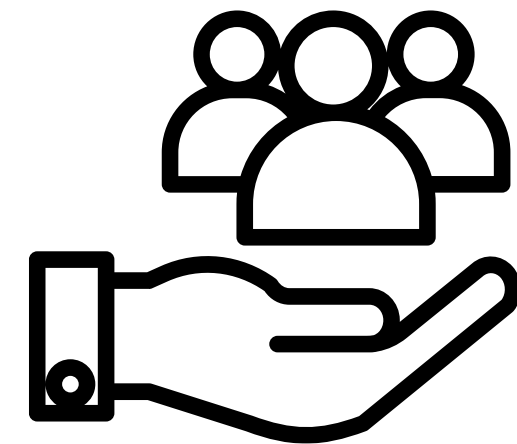
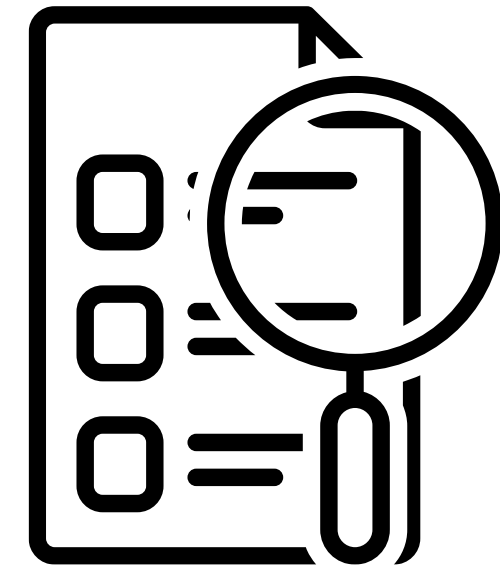
Executive Branch

- President & Cabinet
- Powers Include
 - Executive Orders
 - Veto Legislation
 - Pardons
 - Budget/Impoundment of Funds***



Role of Federal Government in Health

- Research
- Funding
- Technical Assistance
- Regulation & Oversight
- Surveillance
- Provision Of Services





Policy Context





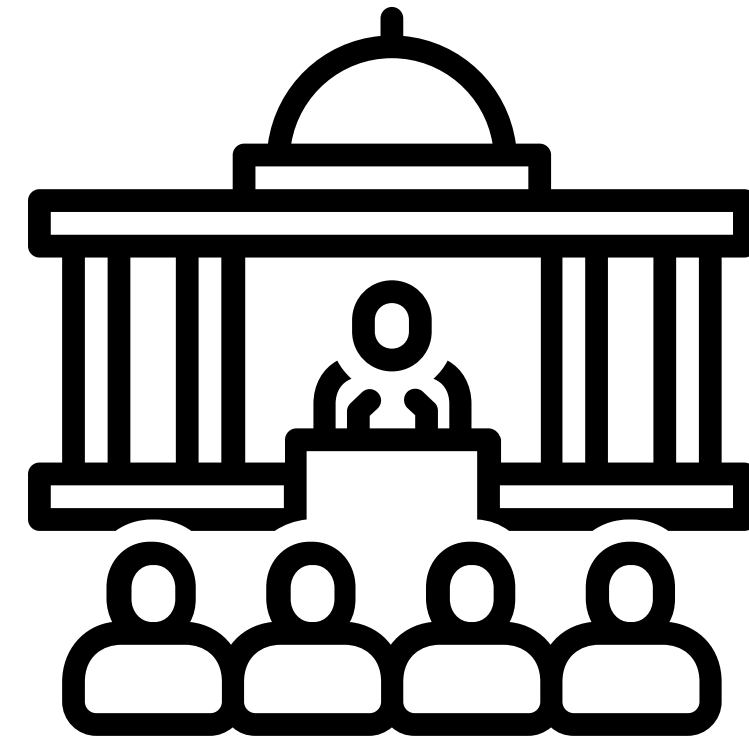
Debt Limit

- More Expenditures Than Revenue -> Issue Bonds
- Congressional Oversight of Amount of Bonds Issued
- \$ Spent w/out Bonds Covering Difference -> DEFAULT



Fiscal Fights

- Small Majorities in Each Chamber
- Annual Appropriations & Previous Year
- Debt Limit
- Budget Reconciliation





Policy Updates





Top Story Lines

- Broad Retrenching of Federal Activities
- Impacts Slowly Coming Into Focus
- “The Big Shift” Will Vary By State



President's Budget

- Statement of Policy Priorities
- Proposed Cuts
 - \$33.3 billion (26.2% decrease) to HHS
 - Eliminate Programs of Regional and National Significance (PRNS)
 - Merger of SUD/MH Block Grants



Impoundment

- Ability of POTUS to “Impound” Funds
- Restricted by Impoundment Control Act of 1974
 - POTUS Must Request Recissions from Congress
 - Allows for Expedited Process



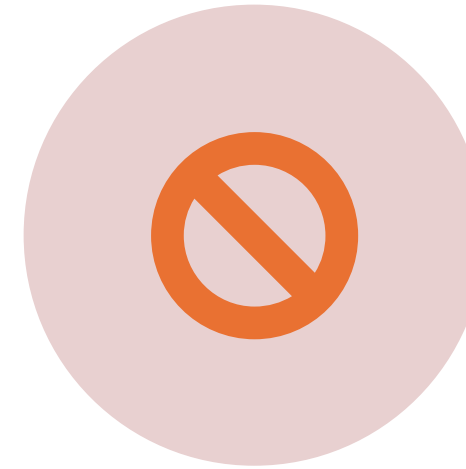
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OPTIONAL PROCESS



CAN ONLY FOCUS ON FISCAL
MATTERS (BYRD BATH)



NOT SUBJECT TO FILIBUSTER



Effects on Medicaid

- Bill cuts approx. \$1 trillion over 10 yrs.
- Biannual eligibility redeterminations
- Work Requirements

