



**Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO)**

**National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
FY 2027 Labor HHS Appropriations Bill**

	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027 President's Budget Request</b>	<b>FY 2027 TFAH</b>
Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity	\$58,420,000	\$54,320,000	N/A	\$130,420,000

**Recommendation:**

Trust for America's Health (TFAH) recommends the Committee fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity (DNPAO) at \$130 million for FY 2027. This funding level will expand the State Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (SPAN) to all 50 states and territories, build state-level chronic disease prevention capacity, and scale local community interventions to prevent obesity and related chronic conditions. TFAH recommends that a DNPAO increase is made alongside an overall increase for CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). This will empower our nation to address the chronic diseases which, together with behavioral health conditions, account for more than 90% of the nation's \$4.9 trillion in annual healthcare costs.<sup>1</sup>

**Background:**

According to the Trust for America's Health *State of Obesity 2025* report, several states showed signs of progress in slowing the adult obesity crisis.<sup>2</sup> This appropriations cycle presents a unique opportunity to capitalize on that momentum, changing the trajectory of our nation's health by further investing in the proven programs and expertise provided through DNPAO.

Preventing and treating complex chronic diseases, like obesity, requires a multifaceted approach to ensure that healthy eating and active living are accessible and affordable to all people and in all communities. DNPAO helps to make healthy choices easy choices by supporting access to healthy foods, active living, and childhood obesity prevention in early care and education facilities, hospitals, and worksites. DNPAO supports state health departments and community-based organizations in their efforts to prevent obesity and conducts research and evaluation that fuels innovation.

Preventing chronic diseases like obesity is critical to reducing spending and making healthcare more affordable. More than 40 percent of U.S. adults live with obesity, a 15-percentage point increase over the last decade and a 30-percentage point increase since 2011.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, the rate of obesity among children increased 42 percent from 2000 to 2020.<sup>2</sup> Obesity is one of the leading drivers of healthcare

