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Administration News

President Bush's FY 2007 Budget Proposal Would Reduce Funding for CDC Programs

[CDC](#) Director Julie Gerberding on Tuesday acknowledged that the fiscal year 2007 budget [plan](#) proposed by President Bush includes spending reductions for important agency programs -- such as research on infectious and environmental diseases, health promotion and studies on public health -- the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reports. At a forum on government investment in research and development, Gerberding said CDC is "working hard to be more effective with less," adding, "I'm not going to pretend that it's not a challenge." In his FY 2007 budget plan, Bush proposed that spending for CDC remain flat. However, according to the Campaign for Public Health, the proposal would use emergency flu pandemic spending to conceal "major cuts" in spending for CDC. In a press release distributed at the forum, CPH said that the CDC operational budget was reduced for the first time in 25 years in FY 2006, and, in combination with the Bush FY 2007 budget plan, "core programs at CDC will be cut by more than 8% in just two years." Gerberding said that the U.S. "simply cannot sustain this lack of investment in effective (disease) prevention sciences" (Nesmith, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 3/22).