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NIH Notices NOT-OD-17-048 and NOT-OD-17-049

Please note the following two National Institutes of Health (NIH) Notices as they relate to continued operations under a Continuing Resolution and guidance on salary limitations for grants and cooperative agreements.

NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution: [NOT-OD-17-048](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including NIH, operates under the "Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017," ([Public Law 114-254](#)) signed by President Obama on December 10, 2016. The NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to 90% of the previously committed level). Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2017 appropriations are enacted, but NIH expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period.

Interim Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements: [NOT-OD-17-049](#)

At this time NIH has not received a FY 2017 appropriation, and is operating under a Continuing Resolution "the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017" ([Public Law 114-254](#)) that applies the terms and conditions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. The Executive Level II salary was previously set at \$185,100, and increased to \$187,000 effective January 8, 2017.

If adequate funds are available in active awards, and if the salary cap increase is consistent with the institutional base salary, grantees may rebudget to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level. However, no additional funds will be provided to these grant awards.

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