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House Labor-HHS Subcommittee Approves \$1.25 Billion Funding Increase for NIH *Bill Continues Growth Over Biomedical Research Inflation for Second Year*

July 7, 2016 –The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research commends the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee for recognizing the importance of innovative medical research through the \$1.25 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) included in the Subcommittee's FY 2017 spending bill. This funding level would boost the NIH budget over biomedical research inflation for a second year, continuing the momentum enacted in the FY 2016 spending package.

The Ad Hoc Group recognizes the budget constraints imposed on the Subcommittee by its limited allocation, but we encourage lawmakers to work in a bipartisan, bicameral manner to maximize federal support for NIH-supported medical research in FY 2017.

If this nation is to continue to accelerate the development of life-changing cures, pioneering treatments, and effective prevention strategies, it is essential to sustain predictable increases in the NIH budget that are greater than inflation. We look forward to working with both chambers to ensure robust funding growth for the agency as the process moves forward.

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research is a coalition of more than 200 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industry. The Ad Hoc Group has one mission: to enhance the federal investment in biomedical, behavioral, social, and population-based research by increasing the funding for the National Institutes of Health.