

Senate HHS Offer #1, May 16, 2022

The Senate passed an omnibus bill that was realistic in its target and the product of a deliberate and bipartisan process to save the long-term care workforce. It passed with significant bipartisan support getting 61 votes on the Senate floor and could pass both chambers today. The Senate bill is a strong starting point for a quick compromise. In good faith, we have incorporated several House proposals in our offer. Additionally, we think it's important for the public to know our priorities. The conference committee is not meeting in public today, therefore we will be releasing this Senate offer to the public shortly after the House conferees have had time to review the proposal. We look forward to continuing to work toward an honorable compromise.

The colors in the attached offer sheet are included to facilitate your review.

- Green highlighting in the Senate offer columns reflects areas of agreement (some are also a change in the Senate position).
- Yellow highlighting in the Senate offer columns indicates a change in the Senate position.

The following is clarification regarding the Senate offer.

Line 83 Elderly Waiver. The Senate accepts the House language with Senate money and only a change in the phase-in proportion to increase the total cost to the Senate amount.

Line 107 Safe Harbor. The senate offers additional money only for the existing program—no new language relating to any new or expanded purpose.