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Sidley Austin's Quarterly Report to the Cord Blood Association December 2024

Election Update

President-elect Trump's nominees for key health positions include:

- HHS Secretary: [Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#)
- Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services: [Jim O'Neill](#)
- FDA Commissioner: [Dr. Marty Makary](#), Johns Hopkins surgeon
- Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) Director: Former Florida Congressman [David Weldon](#), M.D.
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator: [Dr. Mehmet Oz](#), former U.S. Senate candidate and TV personality
- U.S. Surgeon general: [Dr. Janette Nesheiwat](#)

Congressional Activities

Update on Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Appropriations Legislation

- On December 20, Congress approved a continuing resolution that will fund the federal government until March 14, 2025. As a result, the funding levels for both NCBI and the C.W. Bill Young Transplantation Program remained intact. Those levels are:
 - *National Cord Blood Inventory (NCBI)--\$19.2 million*
The NCBI program supports cord blood banks to build a genetically diverse inventory of the highest quality cord blood units for transplantation.
 - *C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation--\$33 million*
This program supports coordinating the procurement of bone marrow and umbilical cord blood units for transplantation.