On July 28, the United States Senate released the text of their proposed fourth COVID19 stimulus, the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools (HEALS) Act. The text was released through a series of different bills [housing and health funding text]. Note: this proposal serves as a starting point for negotiations between the House and Senate. Changes to this are expected if/when both parties of Congress come to a collective agreement on what to bring to the floor for a vote.

**HOUSING/HUD**
- $2.2 billion for Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance
- $1 billion for Public Housing Operating Fund

**HEALTH CENTERS**
- $7.6 billion for Health Centers to “expand the capacity to provide testing, triage, and care for COVID19 and other health care services.”

**OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS**
- $25 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency fund (adding to the $175 provided in previous stimulus bills). See more about this fund from the House Ways and Means Committee.
- $1.5 billion for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- $2 billion for the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant
- $1.5 billion for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- $3.4 billion for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (including $1.5 billion to support state and local public health needs)
- $16 billion for testing, contact tracing, and surveillance in states

**ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS**
- Provides for a second payment of $1,200 per individual (the first was provided in a previous stimulus bill) and makes all dependents eligible (rather than only dependent children under 17 as designated previously) for the $500 additional amount per dependent.

**Notably not in this bill:** the Senate’s $1 trillion HEALS Act failed to include many top priorities for housing and homelessness that were included in the House-passed $3 trillion HEROES Act [our summary], such as an expansion of the eviction moratorium, assistance to state and local governments, expansions of food stamps (SNAP), emergency rental assistance, and billions for other HUD programs. See a detailed side-by-side comparison of the HEROES Act and HEALS Act from the Progressive Caucus Action Fund and statement from our housing partners.