HHS Scrambling for Obamacare Dollar

HHS is running out of money for Obamacare implementation, needs $1.5 billion this year and wants 280 more workers, but the GOP-controlled U.S. House refuses to provide funding. So, to pull together the money, federal health officials plan to empty money from the implementation fund, shift money from other funds and dip into the ACA’s $5 billion Prevention and Public Health Fund.

But dipping into this fund may be illegal and fund-supporter Democrat Senator Tom Harkin blasted the move. HHS officials could not say where they will get $2 billion next year for Obama’s Exchanges if Congress continues to refuse their funding requests.

“HHS seeks Obamacare funds — but is ready to scramble.” Jason Millman and Brett Norman, Politico Pro, April 10, 2013.