

## TALKING POINTS for EXPANDING SICKLE CELL DISEASE EFFORTS AT CDC

### 1. Funding for the Sickle Cell Data Collection Program at CDC

x REQUEST: Provide at least \$10 million in FY 2021 for the Sickle Cell Data Collection program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

¾ Begin by talking about what SCD is, who it impacts, etc. Share a story about your experience treating individuals with SCD; ask others in your group to share stories.

¾ Explain the need for surveillance/data collection:

o Surveillance/data collection is necessary to:

f Identify where patients with SCD live

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