



April 1, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chair Aderholt, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chair Capito, and Ranking Member Baldwin:

The undersigned members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC)¹ — which advocates continued support for the health professions and nursing workforce development programs authorized under Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act and administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) — recommends **at least \$1.59 billion for HRSA Titles VII health professions and VIII nursing workforce development programs in fiscal year (FY) 2027.**

HRSA Title VII health professions and VIII nursing workforce development programs successfully recruit, train, and support physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, geriatricians, mental and behavioral health providers, public health practitioners, social workers, pharmacists, and other frontline health care workers critical to addressing the nation's health needs. Moreover, these programs deliver results where they are needed most, training providers

¹ The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) is an alliance of more than 90 national organizations representing schools, students, health professionals, and communities dedicated to ensuring that the health care workforce is trained to meet the needs of our entire population. Together, the members of HPNEC advocate for adequate and continued support for the health professions and nursing workforce development programs authorized under Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act and administered by HRSA. Additional information about HPNEC is available at hpniec.org.

to practice across the United States, including in rural and underserved communities, focusing on interprofessional education and workforce retention.

As our nation faces dire current and future health workforce shortages, Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs help further support a high-quality and well-educated health workforce, which ultimately improves patients' access to care. These key programs support pathways to health careers; strengthen the primary care and specialty care workforces; enhance interdisciplinary care and community-based linkages; support a robust nursing workforce; bolster the public health and oral health workforces; and provide high-quality health workforce projections and analysis. These programs have become increasingly important as new regulations take effect, which may inadvertently deter students from pursuing in-demand health care fields.

HPNEC members appreciate that lawmakers provided funding for all the previously funded HRSA Title VII and VIII programs in FY 2026. We urge lawmakers to continue their commitment to these programs by providing additional investments into all Title VII and VIII programs and ensuring such programs remain in place in the coming fiscal year and beyond. While HPNEC members acknowledge the increasing demands and fiscal challenges facing appropriators, funding for HRSA's health professions and nursing workforce development programs is critical in bolstering a workforce that can respond to future health threats and challenges facing all Americans. Therefore, HPNEC urges that the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs receive at least \$1.59 billion in FY 2027.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Price-Carter, HPNEC Executive Director, at apricecarter@aamc.org, or Emily Prest, HPNEC Coalition Manager, at eprest@aamc.org.

Sincerely,

AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges)
Academic Pediatric Association
America's Essential Hospitals
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists (AAPP)
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Dental Education Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Pediatric Society
American Psychological Association
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
Association of Department Chairs of Family Medicine
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Children's Hospital Association
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Eldercare Workforce Alliance
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National Hispanic Health Foundation
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)
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Oncology Nursing Society
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Pediatric Policy Council
Society for Pediatric Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine