

August 19, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chair  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
Chair  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and  
Pensions  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bernie Sanders  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education, Labor and  
Pensions  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Guthrie, Chair Cassidy, Ranking Member Pallone and Ranking Member Sanders:

On behalf of the 67 undersigned organizations, we are writing to strongly urge swift consideration and advancement of legislation that would reauthorize the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs, which are set to expire at the end of fiscal year 2025 (September 30, 2025).

Together, our national organizations represent schools, students, health professionals, and communities focused on ensuring that the health workforce is prepared to meet the varied needs of our entire population and deliver excellent patient care. At the same time, we support programs that successfully recruit, educate, and train many different health professionals – including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, primary care providers, pediatric providers, dentists, geriatrics professionals, mental and behavioral health providers, public health practitioners, social workers, and other frontline health care workers. HRSA's Title VII and VIII programs do just that and are all essential in educating current and future providers to work across the country, advancing new delivery systems, and enhancing interprofessional and integrated models of care. These programs produce real, measurable results and positive community impact. Studies show that Title VII and Title VIII programs increase the number of students from all backgrounds who are enrolled in health professions schools; heightens awareness of the factors contributing to differential health outcomes; and attract health professionals more likely to serve in underserved areas.<sup>1</sup>

Let's keep the American healthcare system strong. To do that, it is imperative for Congress to swiftly consider and advance legislative proposals, such as the Educating Medical Professionals and Optimizing Workforce Efficiency and Readiness (EMPOWER) for Health Act (H.R. 4262)

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<sup>1</sup> Stewart KA, Brown SL, Wrensford G, Hurley MM. Creating a comprehensive approach to exposing underrepresented pre-health professions students to clinical medicine and health research. J Natl Med Assoc. 2020;112(1):36-43. doi:10.1016/j.jnma.2019.12.003

and the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3593/S. 1874), which would reauthorize the Title VII and VIII programs from FY 2026 through FY 2030. Reauthorization of the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs would allow our nation to continue to support a high-quality, well-educated and representative health workforce, which ultimately improves patients' access to care and optimizes the health of America.

Congress must ensure the Title VII and Title VIII programs are able to continue to carry out critical work towards addressing health workforce shortages and preparing for the health care demands of the future. There is no substitute to the value that these programs bring to the healthcare workforce. To that end, our organizations strongly urge lawmakers to reaffirm the federal government's commitment to building the next generation of health care professionals, by providing swift consideration and advancement of the HRSA Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs reauthorizations.

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Associates  
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  
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 Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Nurses Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association Services, Inc.  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Chiropractic Colleges  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Children's Hospital Association  
Council on Social Work Education  
Eldercare Workforce Alliance  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
NAPCRG  
National AHEC Organization  
National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Association of Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Council for Diversity in Health Professions  
National Hispanic Health Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Medical Fellowships  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
National Rural Health Association  
Oncology Nursing Society  
PA Education Association  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
South Asian Public Health Association  
Student National Medical Association