



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)<sup>1</sup> — 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:apricecarter@aamc.org), or Emily Prest, HPNEC Coalition Manager, at [eprest@aamc.org](mailto: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  
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 Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Hispanic Health Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA)  
National League for Nursing  
National Medical Fellowships  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Oncology Nursing Society  
PA Education Association  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine