



Nursing Community Coalition Applauds Increased Support for Nursing Workforce and Research in the House FY 2027 Appropriation Bill

June 10, 2026 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we appreciate the House Appropriations Committee’s \$2 million increase to the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs with funding of \$307.472 million. Included in the funding was an increase to the Nurse Practitioner Optional Fellowship Program; Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention Program; and Nurse Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs. NCC is concerned, however, with the Committee’s elimination of the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program and we remain committed to working with Congress to ensure this much needed funding for the nursing workforce continues.

The NCC is also grateful to see House appropriators provide level funding of \$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). As our nurse scientists continue their innovative and groundbreaking work, we were happy to see the Committee encouragement of ongoing, “NINR-supported research that leverages data science and artificial intelligence,” particularly around telemedicine and improving virtual care for patients.

The House Appropriations Committee also took several actions to address the Department of Education’s final rule on professional degrees. We are especially thankful to the Committee for their bipartisan and unanimous support in adopting the manager’s amendment. That amendment specified that none of the funds should be made available to the federal student aid program unless the Department includes advanced nursing programs as professional degrees. The adoption of this amendment is a strong step forward in ensuring our post-baccalaureate nurses have the resources they need to continue their education and serve patients across the country. The bill’s report also included language addressing the importance of having post-baccalaureate nurses and other health care professions designated as a professional degree.

The need to invest in our nurses was recognized by Members of Congress throughout the NCCs ongoing conversations, and we appreciate the Committee’s recognition and commitment to remove barriers to practice, support maternal health, provide resources for nurse faculty and address ongoing nursing workforce shortages. During the markup, we were honored that House Nursing Caucus Vice Co-Chair, Rep. Lauren Underwood, highlighted the nursing workforce and public health. We are also deeply grateful for House Nursing Caucus Co-Chair, Rep. David Joyce for his steadfast advocacy for these programs. The NCC also recognizes the broad support of more than 100 bipartisan members of Congress in their request to the Committee to fully fund Title VIII programs, an effort that was led by House nursing champions, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Rep. Jen Kiggans.

As nurses continue to be on the frontline, and as we fight for recognition as a professional degree, we applaud House Appropriators for their strong support. We look forward to working with Congress to ensure that these programs continue to receive the highest funding levels possible. To see the latest NCC’s FY 2027 funding chart click [here](#).

The [Nursing Community Coalition](#) includes 65 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, boards of nursing, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.