



Nursing Community Coalition Opposes Steep Cuts to Nursing Workforce and Research in the President's FY 2027 Budget Proposal

April 6, 2026—The release of the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 budget outlines cuts to domestic spending, including a decrease in funding for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and elimination of most Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs. The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), which includes 65 national nursing organizations, appreciates the retention of NINR in this year's budgetary blueprint, but strongly opposes reductions in funding for nursing programs, especially as healthcare needs across the country continue to grow.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act) are one such example where federal investment in nursing education and workforce is critical to the health of our nation, especially in our rural communities. Under this budgetary proposal, all Title VIII programs, except the Nurse Corps, are eliminated. This would result in a \$212.837 million reduction, cutting more than two-thirds of funding dedicated to our current and future nurses. With over five million licensed Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), and nursing students across the country, these unwarranted proposed cuts to Title VIII programs would directly and adversely impact nursing education, recruitment, practice, and retention.

We are pleased to see that this year's budget preserves NINR as an independent Institute within the National Institutes of Health, a positive step forward from last year's Presidential budget request. However, this comes at the cost of cutting NINR by nearly \$60 million for a total of \$138.385 million in FY 2027. The NCC opposes these decreases, as nursing science and research transforms how care is delivered, how future cures are discovered, and how transformative practices change lives for the better. Further, these steep cuts create unwarranted barriers for nurse scientists and researchers as they advance new and existing life-saving innovations and disease prevention efforts.

The Nursing Community Coalition will work with Congress to pass a budget that sustains and elevates the health of our nation through strong investment in nursing education, workforce, and research. It is through our nation's nurses that we can ensure increased access to the cares and cures that patients need and deserve.

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, boards of nursing, nurse executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.