



Below is a summary of the Nursing Community (NC) coalition's activity for the month of March.

### **FY 2018 Requests**

The Nursing Community sent a [letter](#) to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies signed by 55 organizations, it outlined the funding requests levels of \$244 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and \$160 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research.

### **NC Releases 2017 Brochure on Education and Research**

The Nursing Community released a new brochure titled [Nursing Workforce & Research: Transforming Health & Health Care](#) on March 8, 2017. The brochure features useful information for Members of Congress and their staff on the impact of the Title VIII Workforce Development Programs and the National Institute of Nursing Research in their state and nationally.

### **CMS Administrator Seema Verma**

The Nursing Community sent a [letter](#) to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator, Seema Verma, pledging to work with CMS to ensure federal policies recognize RNs and APRNs as leaders in increasing affordability and quality for patients. Ms. Verma was sworn in as Administrator on March 14, 2017.

### **Meetings**

The NC held their March monthly meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. There were 36 NC organizations present for the discussion.

### **Social Media**

Twitter: [@RN\\_Community](#)      New Followers: 14      Total Followers: 373  
Profile Visits: 166      Tweet Impressions: 3,158  
Top Tweet: Excited to release the Nursing Community's Nursing Workforce and Research Brochure! <http://bit.ly/2n04ri7> [pic.twitter.com/BQKLpB1AkX](http://pic.twitter.com/BQKLpB1AkX)

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