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**HPNEC Statement on the House Appropriations Committee's Approval of its FY 2027 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act**

*June 22, 2026 - The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) issued the following statement following the House Appropriations Committee's approval of its fiscal year (FY) 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS-Education) Appropriations Act:*

HPNEC commends the House Appropriations Committee's recent rejection of many proposed cuts to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs in its FY 2027 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act. The Committee's bill instead provides funding for many HRSA Title VII and VIII programs comparable to FY 2026 enacted levels, while also increasing funding for several programs. As the nation faces both current and projected health workforce shortages, continued and increased investment in these key programs remains critical.

The health professions and nursing workforce development programs authorized under Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act, administered by HRSA, successfully recruit, educate, 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. These critical programs each play an integral role in educating current and future providers to work across the country in rural and underserved areas and also help advance new delivery systems, interprofessional practice, and integrated models of care.

While HPNEC members appreciate the maintained and increased funding of select programs in the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act, we are particularly concerned with the proposed elimination of funding for the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Diversity program, which helps recruit and retain students to the nursing profession by supporting entry into nursing

programs. Additionally, the Committee cuts funding for the Public Health Training Centers, which support the development and implementation of training focused on regional public health needs, within funding recommended for the Title VII Public Health and Preventive Medicine programs. Strong and continued investment for all the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs is essential to shaping a workforce prepared to meet the health care demands of tomorrow and increase access to care across all communities, including rural and underserved areas.

HPNEC urges Congress to maintain and provide additional investments into all Title VII and VIII programs and to ensure such programs remain in place in the coming fiscal year and beyond.

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*The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) is an alliance of more than 90 national organizations representing schools, students, and health professionals 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 [hp nec.org](http://hp nec.org).*