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**HPNEC Statement on Congressional Passage of Fiscal Year 2026 Funding for the HRSA  
Title VII and VIII Programs**

**February 3, 2026** - *The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) issued the following statement after the House and Senate passage of a minibus spending package, that includes funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs for fiscal year (FY) 2026:*

HPNEC applauds the House and Senate for passing the FY 2026 Labor–HHS–Education appropriations bill, which maintains funding for all HRSA Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs at levels similar to prior years. As the nation faces both current and projected health workforce shortages, continued investment in these programs remains critical.

The health professions and nursing workforce development programs authorized under Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act and administered by HRSA are key to shaping, educating, and bolstering the health workforce at all stages of the continuum. These proven programs recruit, train, and support the next generation of health care professionals, including physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, geriatricians, mental and behavioral health providers, public health practitioners, social workers, and other frontline health care workers critical to addressing the nation’s health needs. Each of the Title VII and VIII programs play a unique and integral role in ensuring a strong, robust health workforce and helping to improve patient access to care across the nation, including in rural and underserved communities.

HPNEC appreciates lawmakers' continued support for the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs and ongoing commitment to a health workforce equipped to meet the nation's evolving health care needs.

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*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 [hp nec.org](http://hp nec.org).*