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HPNEC Statement on the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2027

April 15, 2026 - *The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) issued the following statement expressing concern with proposed cuts to critical Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs included in the fiscal year (FY) 2027 President's Budget Request:*

The President's FY 2027 budget released on April 3, 2026, once again recommends a massive \$1 billion proposed cut to health workforce programs under the proposed Administration for a Healthy America. Particularly concerning is the proposed elimination of 14 existing Title VII health professions and VIII nursing workforce development programs currently administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). If enacted, these cuts would limit support for essential investments in programs that play an irreplaceable role in shaping, educating, and bolstering the health workforce at all stages of the continuum. As communities face shortages of health professionals, these devastating cuts would result in a significant and detrimental impact on the health of communities across the country and limit access to care for patients nationwide.

Each of the health professions and nursing workforce development programs authorized under Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act and administered by HRSA play an integral role in cultivating a strong, robust health workforce that is equipped to serve the nation's ever-growing needs and prepared for the health care demands of tomorrow. The programs successfully recruit, 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 critical to addressing the nation's health needs and delivering results where they are needed most.

HPNEC urges Congress to continue its commitment to the nation's health workforce by rejecting any funding cuts to the HRSA Title VII and VIII programs proposed in the President's FY 2027

budget request and bolstering support for programs that address health workforce shortages in critical areas of need and ensure access to care across the nation.

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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.