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HPNEC Statement Urging Maximum Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Funding for the HRSA Title VII and VIII Programs

March 11, 2025 - *The Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC) issued the following statement urging maximum funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs for fiscal year (FY) 2025:*

As we approach the March 14 funding deadline provided in the American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law No: 118-158), HPNEC urges Congress to provide maximum investment in the HRSA Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing workforce development programs for FY 2025, ensuring that each of these programs receives no less than its FY 2024 funding level.

The HRSA Title VII and Title VIII programs have proven successful in recruiting, training, and supporting nurses, physicians, physician assistants, mental health providers, oral health professionals, and other health professionals critical to addressing the country's evolving health care needs and future unexpected crises. If we are serious about resolving the shortage of health professionals, we must commit to HRSA Title VII and Title VIII funding. These programs are essential in responding to health workforce shortages in critical areas of need and shaping the future health workforce at all stages of the continuum. Further, ensuring that our health workforce is equipped to serve the nation's ever-growing needs and is prepared for the health care demands of tomorrow is an urgent national priority. Any additional funding delays will create budget uncertainty for these important and impactful HRSA programs.

HPNEC urges Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to provide FY 2025 funding for the Title VII and VIII programs at the level approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Additionally, avoiding funding lapses is critical to support the health professionals and patients who benefit from these vital programs.

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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 diverse 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 the HRSA. Additional information about HPNEC is available at hp nec.org.