



## Senate Appropriations Committee Reinforces Support for Nursing Programs in Bipartisan FY 2025 Spending Bill

August 6, 2024 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the Senate Appropriations Committee for underscoring the importance of nursing education, workforce, and research by advancing their fiscal year (FY) 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill. Unlike the House proposal that cuts and consolidates key programs, this bipartisan bill supports our current and future nurses and nurse researchers, by providing:

- **\$310.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs:** A five million dollar increase over FY 2024 levels; and
- **\$197.693 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR):** Level funding to FY 2024 levels.

These investments are part of more than \$122 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, including nearly \$8.945 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration discretionary budget and \$48.812 billion for the National Institutes of Health's base budget. In addition to these vital programs, the NCC was proud to see the inclusion of other funding priorities and report language that addresses workplace violence, maternal health, palliative care, public health, and mental health, as well as examining ways to support state-based nursing workforce centers.

The bipartisan advancement of the LHHS-ED funding bill out of the Senate Appropriations Committee is an essential step as we continue to support our Registered Nurses (RNs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), nurse leaders, boards of nursing, students, faculty, researchers and the patients and communities they serve. With limited days to pass a budget when Congress reconvenes in September, the NCC remains deeply committed to working with both chambers to ensure these programs remain fully funded.

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*The [Nursing Community Coalition](https://www.thenursingcommunity.org) includes 64 national nursing organizations that are the cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the profession. Collectively, the coalition represents registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, nurse faculty, nurse leaders, boards of nursing, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.*