



President's FY 2025 Budget Proposes Increases for Nursing Workforce Programs with Focus on Maternal Health

Wednesday, March 12, 2024—The Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), which includes 63 national nursing organizations, appreciates funding for key domestic and health care programs in the Biden Administration's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget. This budgetary blueprint aims to address immediate needs, while outlining investments in maternal and mental health, our nation's veterans, and higher education, as well as support for our current and future nursing workforce.

Under this proposal, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs receive \$320.472 million for FY 2025. This is a \$20 million increase across the following Title VIII programs:

- \$10 million increase to Advance Nursing Education to expand the maternity care nursing workforce; and
- \$10 million increase to Nurse Education, Practice, Quality, and Retention to support the nursing pipeline, including for maternal health in rural areas.

The President's Budget also outlined continued support for research, including more than \$198 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The NCC recognizes nursing science transforms how care is delivered, helps address social determinants of health, and provides translational research that changes lives for the better. Investing in nursing research remains a top priority for the NCC.

Increasing access to high quality health care requires historic investment in our nation's nurses. The President's Budget offers an important first step. Now is the time for Congress to build upon this proposal and provide significant increases to match the needs of nurses and patients across the country, including in our rural and underserved communities. The NCC looks forward to working with Members of Congress, and appropriators, to build upon this framework and include essential resources for nursing education, workforce, and research programs in any final FY 2025 spending bill.

The Nursing Community Coalition includes 63 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 executives, researchers, and students. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.