



## **The Nursing Community Coalition Supports Increases to Nursing Workforce and Research in FY 2020.**

December 20, 2019 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we commend the House of Representatives and the United States Senate for passing H.R. 1865, the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020. This legislation increases investments in nursing education and research and ensures vital funding for fiscal year (FY) 2020. H.R. 1865 appropriates \$259.972 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs and allocates \$169.113 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). The National Institutes of Health (NIH) receives an overall allocation of \$41.7 billion for FY 2020.

Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs bolster nursing education at all levels, support institutions that educate future nurses, help recruit and retain the nursing workforce, and are essential to ensuring the demand for nursing care is met. The additional \$10.5 million for Title VIII programs will help to meet America’s healthcare needs, especially in rural and underserved areas. We applaud the House of Representatives and the United States Senate for investing in the health of our nation today and into the future.

The commitment to the nation’s nursing workforce is rightfully coupled with a \$6.121 million increase to NINR and nursing research. From disease prevention and global health, to precision medicine and genomic studies, NINR is at the forefront of nursing science and research. This support will allow NINR to continue to reduce the burdens of chronic illness, improve end of life care, and promote patient-centered care across the health care continuum.

The members of the Nursing Community Coalition thank the Senate and House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), and Ranking Members Patty Murray (D-WA) and Tom Cole (R-OK), along with the full Appropriations Committees for their commitment to bolster the profession and the health of our nation. The coalition looks forward to continuing to work with the Administration to support nursing workforce and research programs in FY 2020 and beyond.

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*The [Nursing Community Coalition](https://www.thenursingcommunity.org) 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.*