



Nursing Community Coalition Supports Increased Investments in Nursing Education, Workforce, and Research

March 11, 2022 – On behalf of the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC), we applaud Congress for passing H.R. 2471, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. In addition to \$1.5 trillion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 appropriations, this bipartisan funding bill also provides aid to Ukraine.

Specifically, H.R. 2471 appropriates \$280.472 million for Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs, an increase of \$16 million over FY 2021 enacted levels. In addition, this legislation includes \$180.862 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), which is an increase of \$5.905 million over the previous fiscal year. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) received an overall allocation of \$44.959 billion for FY 2022. Congress also outlined support for many within the nursing profession, including significant funding for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, studies and grants to improve models of care as it relates to prenatal care, labor care, birthing and postpartum care for racial and ethnic minorities, investments in a rural maternal and obstetric care training demonstration program, and raises in the maximum rate of pay for VA nurses.

The passage of H.R. 2471 signifies an important step as we elevate the need for enhanced federal investments to support our current and future nursing workforce. The NCC sincerely thanks Congressional Leadership, Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and our Congressional Nursing Caucuses for their dedication to the nursing profession. The NCC looks forward to continuing our essential work supporting nursing education, workforce, and research initiatives in FY 2023 and beyond.

For more detailed funding numbers for priority programs, please see [NCC's FY 2022 Appropriations funding chart](#).

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, who are all vital in addressing the public health challenges facing our communities. The coalition is committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.