

# Talking Points

*In-District Meetings 2026*

## Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

### Background:

- U.S. is facing critical nursing shortage – **42 states are projected to experience deficits by 2030**, including in rural and medically underserved communities.
- Faculty shortages are limiting the number of students that nursing schools can accept.
- It is vital for Congress to invest in nursing education and training for nursing students and nurse faculty.

### What is Title VIII?

- **Only dedicated federal funding source for nursing education.**
- Programs include: Advanced Nursing Education Program / Nurse Education Practice, Quality & Retention Program / Nurse Faculty Loan Program / Nurse Corps Scholarship & Loan Repayment Programs, and more.
- Goal is to expand nursing pathways, train nurse educators, and expand community-based care.

### Authorization Status

- Authorization lapsed on October 1, 2025. The program is supposed to be reauthorized every 5 years, like all other health programs.
- Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3593/S.1874) would reauthorize the programs through FY'31.
- Bipartisan bill led by Sens. Jeff Merkley (OR) & Susan Collins (ME) and Reps. Dave Joyce (OH) & Suzanne Bonamici (OR).
- H.R. 3593 passed House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee last September. S.1874 passed Senate HELP Committee in July.

### FY 2027 Appropriations Status:

- **Title VIII currently receives \$305M compared to more than \$17B for physician training.**
- House Appropriations Committee approved FY'27 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill that provides a \$2M bump to Title VIII.
- Waiting for Senate Appropriations Committee to unveil its appropriations bill.

### Share your perspective:

How has Title VIII impacted your education, career, colleagues, and community?

### The ask:

1. Support the ***Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 3593 / S. 1874)*** to reauthorize the Title VIII Programs.
2. Fund Title VIII at no less than \$610 million in FY 2027 appropriations.

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## Educating Future Nurses Act

### Background:

- Projected shortage of 70,610 primary care physicians by 2038 (HRSA).
- More than 374,000 NPs worked in primary care as of 2024.
- **APRN roles are expected to grow 36% between 2025 and 2035**, opening about 32,200 positions annually.
- The cost of supervised clinical hours limits the # of APRN students that healthcare facilities can train, thereby limiting how many APRNs can graduate from nursing school.
- There is no permanent funding stream for graduate nursing education (GNE) that is comparable to GME which received \$21.2 billion in FY2023 alone.

### What is the Educating Future Nurses Act (HR 10410)?

- Establishes a **permanent GNE program under Medicare** to expand clinical education and training support for APRNs.
- Supports collaborative partnerships between nursing schools, community-based clinical settings, and eligible hospitals with at least half of all clinical training occurring in community-based clinical settings.
- Provides Medicare reimbursement to eligible hospitals to help cover reasonable costs of providing APRN education and training.
- Funds growth in APRN education above each nursing school's average # of APRN graduates in 2024 and 2025 to ensure that federal investments help train additional APRNs.
- Builds upon GNE demonstration project that led to a **54% increase in enrollment and 67% increase in graduation among APRNs**.
- Led by Reps. Lauren Underwood (IL), Jen Kiggans (VA), & Suzanne Bonamici (OR) in the House. Senate bill is TBD.

### Share your perspective:

How would a permanent funding stream help support prospective APRNs and address primary/specialty care shortages?

### The ask:

1. Co-sponsor the ***Educating Future Nurses Act (H.R. 10410)*** in the House.
2. Support reintroduction of companion legislation in the Senate.