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APPROPRIATIONS FOR NURSE PRACTITIONER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND TRAINEESHIPS

PROVISIONS

Provides funding through government appropriations to the Division of Nursing in the Bureau of Health Professions of the Department of Health and Human Services for nurse practitioner educational programs and traineeships.

FUNDING NEEDS

Funding for nurse practitioner programs and student traineeships continues to be needed in order to meet the continued need for primary care providers throughout the United States. Only a limited number of programs are able to be funded each year at the current funding levels. Increases are needed for nurse practitioner educational programs and traineeships to work toward this need. **This is the only federal funding source for these programs since they have no access to graduate medical (GME) funds.**

RATIONALE

In the presence of spiraling medical care costs and the shortage of primary care providers, the need to prepare quality, cost effective clinicians such as nurse practitioners continues to be acute. **In the presence of the recently passed Health Care Reform legislation, the need for primary care providers is greater than ever. Nurse practitioners are primary care providers who can assist in meeting those needs.**

They have been demonstrated to provide high quality, cost effective care in whatever environment they practice. It is important that the proper preparation of enough of these providers is maintained to meet health care needs identified in the current national priority. This cannot be accomplished if educational programs are unable to be funded at higher levels. Nurse practitioners want to help meet the growing health needs of the nation, but they will need assistance to do it. This means that nurse practitioner educational programs and scholarship funding needs to be maintained and increased in the federal budget.

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