

# Friends of the Health Resources and Services Administration

Friends of HRSA is a coalition of [170 national organizations](#) committed to supporting programs that are essential for a healthy nation. HRSA’s programs improve the health of millions of Americans by strengthening the health workforce and increasing access to quality health care for those who are medically underserved or face barriers to needed care.

**For FY 2018, Friends of HRSA recommends providing \$7.48 billion for HRSA’s total discretionary budget authority.** To keep pace with our growing, aging and diversifying population, constantly evolving health care system, and the persistent and changing health demands of our nation, a strong commitment of resources is necessary for HRSA to carry out the following programs:

- **Primary Health Care:** supports over 10,400 health center sites in medically underserved communities across the U.S., providing access to dependable, high-quality preventive and primary care to more than 24.2 million people;
- **Health Workforce:** supports the health workforce across the entire training continuum and offers scholarship and loan repayment programs to ensure a well-prepared, well-distributed and diverse workforce that is ready to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- **Maternal and Child Health:** supports initiatives that promote optimal health, reduce infant mortality, minimize disparities, prevent chronic conditions and improve access to quality health care for vulnerable women, infants and children; and serves more than 50 million people through the MCH block grant;
- **Ryan White HIV/AIDS:** delivers a comprehensive and robust system of care to more than 533,000 impacted by HIV/AIDS, improving health outcomes for people with HIV and reducing the chance of others becoming infected; and provides training for health professionals treating people with HIV/AIDS;
- **Healthcare Systems:** increases availability of life-saving cord blood for transplantation and research, and enhances the organ transplant system to help the more than 119,000 men, women and children waiting for a donor organ; and supports poison control centers, the nation’s primary defense against injury and death from poisoning;
- **Rural Health:** supports community and state based solutions to improve efficiencies in delivering rural health services and expand access; leverages the use of health information technology and telehealth; and advises on rural health policy issues;
- **Family Planning:** ensures access to comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services to more than 4 million people, thereby reducing unintended pregnancy rates, limiting transmission of sexually transmitted infections and increasing early detection of breast and cervical cancer.

**HRSA Total, Discretionary Budget Authority (Dollars in billions)**

<b>FY16 enacted</b>	<b>FY17 omnibus</b>	<b>FY18 President’s request</b>	<b>FY18 FHRSA request</b>
\$6.14	\$6.21*	\$5.54	\$7.48

\*Includes a \$50 million transfer of the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training program, previously appropriated to SAMHSA