

Friends of the Health Resources and Services Administration

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Friends of HRSA is a coalition of [170 national organizations](#) committed to improving health through supporting a well-prepared workforce and the delivery of quality health services. HRSA's programs strategically focus on improving care for underserved and at-risk groups at a lower cost to help build a healthier nation.

For FY 2016, Friends of HRSA supports the restoration of HRSA's total discretionary budget authority to the FY 2010 level of \$7.48 billion. A growing and aging population and changing models of practice, coupled with a workforce that is steadily aging and projected to significantly shrink, will require a commitment of effort and investment of resources from Congress to agencies such as HRSA to address these challenges by carrying out critical programs, including:

- **Health Workforce**: supports training, scholarship and loan repayment programs to ensure a well-trained and well-distributed workforce ready to respond to the health needs of our nation;
- **Primary Health Care**: supports over 9,000 health center sites in medically underserved communities across the U.S., improving access to preventive and primary care to more than 21 million people;
- **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 42 million vulnerable women, infants and children;
- **Ryan White HIV/AIDS**: delivers a comprehensive system of care, treatment and support for about half of the 1 million people living with HIV/AIDS, and provides training for health professionals treating people with HIV/AIDS;
- **Family Planning**: ensures access to comprehensive family planning and related preventive health services for more than 4.5 million low-income women, men and adolescents reducing unintended pregnancy, infertility and related morbidity;
- **Rural Health**: improves access to care for people living in rural areas by strengthening infrastructure, improving recruitment and retention of providers, building an evidence base for programs, providing direct services and increasing coordination with other federal agencies;
- **Healthcare Systems**: provides support to patients who need life-saving marrow or cord blood transplant, and increases organ donation rates to help the more than 121,000 Americans waiting for a donor organ; and provides support for poison control centers.

HRSA Total, Discretionary Budget Authority (Dollars in billions)

FY14 enacted	FY15 enacted	FY16 President's request	FY16 FHRSA request
\$6.06	\$6.10	\$6.22	\$7.48