

# Friends of the Health Resources and Services Administration

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Friends of HRSA is a coalition of [170 national organizations](#) dedicated to improving health through supporting a well prepared workforce and the delivery of high-quality health services. HRSA programs are essential for serving the health needs of people who are medically vulnerable, low-income and geographically isolated.

**For FY 2015, the Friends of HRSA supports the restoration of HRSA’s total discretionary budget authority to the FY 2010 level of \$7.48 billion in nominal terms.** Since FY 2010, HRSA’s discretionary budget authority has been cut by 19 percent in nominal dollars and 25 percent when adjusted for inflation. While the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 provided a modest relief from cuts, funding for HRSA remains far too low to address the increasing health needs of the U.S. The nation faces a shortage of health professionals and continues to experience an ever growing, aging and increasingly diverse population. Americans can enjoy better health and the nation stands to benefit from healthier people through a more productive workforce and reduced health care cost, but it will require a commitment of effort and investment of resources from Congress to agencies such as HRSA to carry out critical programs, including:

- Health Workforce: supports education and training to ensure a sufficient and capable workforce and improve the distribution and diversity of health professionals in medically underserved communities;
- Primary Care: supports 9,500 health sites in every state and territory, improving access to preventive and primary care to more than 21 million people in geographically isolated and economically distressed communities;
- Maternal and Child Health: supports initiatives that promote optimal health, reduce disparities, combat infant mortality, prevent chronic conditions and improve access to quality health care for over 44 million vulnerable women, infants and children;
- HIV/AIDS: delivers comprehensive care, prescription drug assistance and support services for about half of the 1 million people living with HIV/AIDS; provides education and training for health professionals treating people with HIV/AIDS;
- Family Planning: ensures access to a broad range of reproductive, sexual and related preventive health care for over 5 million poor and low-income women, men and adolescents at 4,400 family planning centers nationwide;
- Rural Health: improves access for people living in rural areas who experience health service shortages; expands community-based programs; improves modernization of rural health care infrastructure;
- Health care systems: maintain and facilitate organ marrow and cord blood donation, transplantation and research; promote awareness and increase organ donation rates to help the more than 121,000 Americans waiting for a transplant.

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

<b>FY13 operating level</b>	<b>FY14 enacted</b>	<b>FY15 President’s request</b>	<b>FY15 FHRSA request</b>
\$5.85	\$6.05	\$5.29	\$7.48