

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 2017, Friends of HRSA recommends \$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 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 9,000 health center sites in medically underserved communities across the U.S., providing access to dependable, high-quality preventive and primary care to 22.9 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 21st 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 42 million vulnerable women, infants and children;
- **Ryan White HIV/AIDS:** delivers a comprehensive and robust system of care to 512,000 people with 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 120,000 Americans waiting for a donor organ; and supports poison control centers, the nation’s primary defense against injury and death from poisoning;
- **Rural Health:** improves quality and access of care for people living in rural areas; 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 for more than 4.1 million low-income women, men and adolescents, reducing unintended pregnancy, infertility and related morbidity.

HRSA Total, Discretionary Budget Authority (Dollars in billions)

FY15 enacted	FY16 omnibus	FY17 President’s request*	FY17 FHRSA request
\$6.10	\$6.14	\$5.73**	\$7.48

*FY17 President’s request proposes an increase in mandatory funding and overall increase to HRSA for a total of \$10.68 billion

**Includes a \$56 million proposed transfer of the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training program, currently appropriated to SAMHSA