



National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps (NACNHSC)



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The National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States and its territories with limited access to care.

The NHSC celebrates **50 years of service** this year!

Commitment, Compassion, and Community

- NHSC clinicians **improve access to these crucial services** by practicing in health professional shortage areas across the country.
- Our clinicians include **physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, physician assistants, licensed clinical social workers**
- In exchange for service in high-need areas, NHSC **offers scholarships or loan repayment funding**

- The NACNHSC is a group of expert **healthcare providers and administrators.**
- The NACNHSC members are **experts in the issues that communities with a shortage of primary care professionals** face in meeting their healthcare needs.
- The NACNHSC is a **frontline source of information** to the NHSC
- The NACNHSC **commits to effectively advising the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** and, by designation, the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Serves as a **forum to identify the priorities** for the NHSC and bring forward and anticipate future program issues and concerns.

Functions as a **sounding board for proposed policy changes** by using the varying levels of expertise represented on the Council to advise on specific program areas.

Develops and distributes white papers and briefs that clearly state issues and/or concerns relating to the NHSC with specific recommendations for necessary policy updates





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Our Shared Interests

- Ensure the healthcare workforce is trained to deliver telehealth, guidance on what services are compatible with telehealth, and build an infrastructure to **increase patient and provider utilization of telehealth services**
- Prepare the workforce to delivery **interdisciplinary team-based care** which is a critical strategy for optimizing patient health outcomes and addressing social determinants of health
- Train **culturally competent health care** workforce adequately prepared to meet the unique needs of rural and underserved communities
- Encourage education and training plans that emphasize **mentoring to support recruitment, retention, and resilience** of the healthcare workforce
- Implement strategies to **promote exposure to communities of practice** in preparing healthcare providers to serve
- Explore strategies for ensuring **equity in maternal care and behavioral healthcare**. Consider expanding scope of practice for providers, regulatory flexibility, and innovative interventions to support coordination of care

Recommendations for Priorities to Support National Health Service Corps Efforts to Address the U.S. Health Care Workforce

Readiness to Practice Protocol for Health Care Providers in Underserved Communities: Facilitators, Barriers, and Potential Measures



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Questions?

