

Support Funding for Title VII General Pediatrics Training Grants

CHALLENGES FACING TOMORROW'S GENERALIST PEDIATRICIAN

Today, over 9 million children and adolescents—many of whom live in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas—do not have health insurance. Nationwide, the racial and ethnic diversity of the pediatric population continues to increase in record numbers. Estimates are that by the year 2020, approximately 40% of school-aged children will be of non-white racial or ethnic backgrounds. Given these changes, in the 21st century, America's children will need, more than ever, culturally competent primary care pediatricians who are educated in a variety of settings and who are trained to meet the health care needs of their diverse communities.

TITLE VII OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT

While a relatively small program, the grants offered through the Title VII program address an enormous need. The grants help to support individuals and institutions, improve the racial and ethnic diversity of the health care workforce, foster high quality training for more health professionals in fields of primary medical and dental care, nursing, public health and allied health, and improve the geographic distribution of the healthcare workforce. Included as part of the Title VII program, is federal support to innovative pediatric residency training and faculty development programs throughout the country, providing the only federal support available for education beyond the hospital-based model. Grants frequently support training in a wide-variety of ambulatory and community-focus sites including juvenile detention centers, homeless shelters, child nutrition programs, pediatricians' offices, child care centers and community health centers.

APPROPRIATIONS

The pediatric and adolescent health community, as members of the Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition (HPNEC), calls for \$600 million in FY 2011 for Titles VII and VIII (nursing) to effectively fulfill the mission of training and educating a health care workforce that meets the public's health care needs.

ADVOCACY ACTION REQUESTED

Urge your members of Congress to support funding of the Title VII health professions and Title VIII nursing programs at **\$600 million** for FY 2011.

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