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AACN Board Chair to Testify Before Congress on Title VIII Reauthorization Bill

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health will hold a [hearing](#) tomorrow, September 14, titled, “[Supporting Tomorrow’s Health Providers: Examining Workforce Programs Under the Public Health Service Act.](#)” AACN Board Chair [Juliann G. Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), was selected to serve as one of four [expert witnesses](#). She will be testifying on the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act of 2017 ([H.R. 959](#)) and the impact of Title VIII programs on patients and communities. The hearing is scheduled for 10:15am ET. Watch it live [here](#).

AACN Signs Letter Urging Congress to Protect Dreamers



AACN joins over 75 higher education associations in sending a [letter to Congressional leadership](#) urging permanent, legislative action to address protection for individuals who are registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an Executive Order established in 2012. On September 5, 2017, President Trump announced the White House’s decision to rescind DACA, and stated that Congress will have a six-month window of time to come up with a solution to prevent the over 800,000 DACA individuals from facing deportation. AACN is concerned with the fate of these young adults who came to the United States as children. Many of these individuals are enrolled in institutions of higher education, enlisted in our military, and are contributing to the economy. AACN will continue to actively engage as it relates to our member institutions.

President Signs Bill for Hurricane Relief Aid, Debt Ceiling Extension, 3-Month CR



On September 8, President Trump [signed into law](#) a bipartisan spending package, the “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017,” ([H.R. 601](#)) providing disaster aid to Hurricane Harvey’s victims, temporarily suspending the statutory debt limit, and setting into motion a three-month continuing resolution (CR) to fund the government through December 8. The deal, which passed the House (316-90) and Senate (80-17), includes \$15.25 billion for disaster relief recovery aid for Texas and Louisiana communities.

RWJF Health Policy Fellows Program Accepting Applications



The [2018-2019 Call For Applications](#) for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellows program is open until November 15 at 3:00pm ET. The RWJF program provides an intensive experience to exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral social scientists with experience in academic faculties, government, or non-profit fields. The fellowship requires, at a minimum, 12 months living in Washington, D.C. [Register](#) to join an upcoming informational webinar, or visit [healthpolicyfellows.org](#) to learn more.