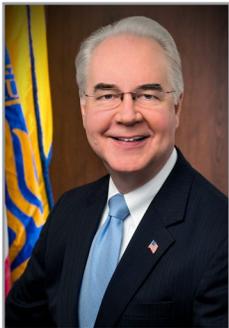


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## HHS Secretary Price to Testify on FY 2018 Healthcare Budget

On June 8, Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price will testify before two prominent Congressional committees, the [House Committee on Ways and Means](#) and the [Senate Committee on Finance](#), regarding the department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget. As AACN reported in the [May 24, 2017 edition](#) of *Washington Weekly*, the Administration's proposed budget recommends major cuts to healthcare programs, negatively impacting biomedical research, care delivery, and the workforce. [Secretary Price](#) is committed to advancing health care under six key principles: affordability, accessibility, quality, choices, innovation, and responsiveness. It is likely that members of the committees will call upon Secretary Price to discuss how the department will plan to improve operations in light of the proposed cuts to fundamental programs.



## Administration Announces Continuation of NIH Director

President Trump asked [Francis Collins, MD, PhD](#), to remain as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Collins is a physician-geneticist and has served as the agency's director since 2009. He is known for his work in biomedical research and discoveries of disease genes, and specifically for his leadership of the Human Genome Project. He also spearheads the [Precision Medicine Initiative](#). AACN commends the leadership of Dr. Collins and looks forward to continuing collaboration with NIH.



## Submit Your Title VIII Story

As part of AACN's [ongoing efforts](#) to urge protection of funding for the Nursing Workforce Development Programs (Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act), the association created a [story map](#) to highlight their community impact. This webpage portrays the testimonials of students and patients receiving the federal dollars. To add your story of how Title VIII funding has impacted your community, click [here](#).

## NIDA and HRSA Address the Opioid Crisis through Research and Workforce Planning

On June 1, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) announced plans to accelerate research related to opioids in an effort to combat opioid misuse and abuse. This is a timely issue as the rates of individuals in the U.S. who are misusing prescription opiates, abusing heroin, and dying from overdoses remains alarmingly high. Additionally, according to [NIDA](#), prescription drug use costs the nation \$78.5 billion in health care, law-enforcement, and lost productivity. NIDA's [plan](#) to fast-track research will be centralized to three main areas: overdose reversal, addiction treatment, and pain management.



Additionally, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be hosting a webinar, "Successful Models and Resources to Support Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment," on June 13 from 2:00-3:30p.m. ET. [Register here](#).