



## NIH Director Champions the All of Us Research Program

Last week, Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), testified in front of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee on the role that NIH plays in biomedical research and scientific cures. After Dr. Collins discussed the mission of the *All of Us* Research Program to develop personalized medicine, Senator Doug Jones (D-AL) stated that “precision medicine truly has the potential to be a game-changer for delivering the right treatment to the right person at the right time.” The University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing received an NIH/AACN *All of Us* grant, and Senator Jones met with the University of Alabama-Birmingham leadership to discuss the goals of the program. Learn more and join *All of Us* [here](#).



## Senate Passes Bill Providing Title VIII, NINR Funding

On August 23, the Senate voted 85-7 to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Defense/Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS-ED) Appropriations minibuss. The combined legislation (the LHHS-ED appropriation bill ([S. 3158](#)) and the House-passed Defense spending bill ([H.R. 6157](#))) formed the largest of the appropriations bills for FY 2019, accounting for roughly 60% of total spending for the year. The Senate's LHHS-ED appropriation bill provides level funding (\$249 million) to the Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs and a 3.9% increase (for a total of \$163 million) to the National Institute of Nursing Research. As the House and Senate work to finalize the appropriations process, AACN will keep you apprised.



## National Academies to Develop Opioid Prescribing Guidelines

The Food and Drug Administration has contracted with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to develop new evidence-based opioid prescribing guidelines. As the opioid crisis continues to sweep the nation, the Academies will build upon the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) 2016 opioid prescribing guidelines. AACN is a committed partner in addressing this public health crisis.

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