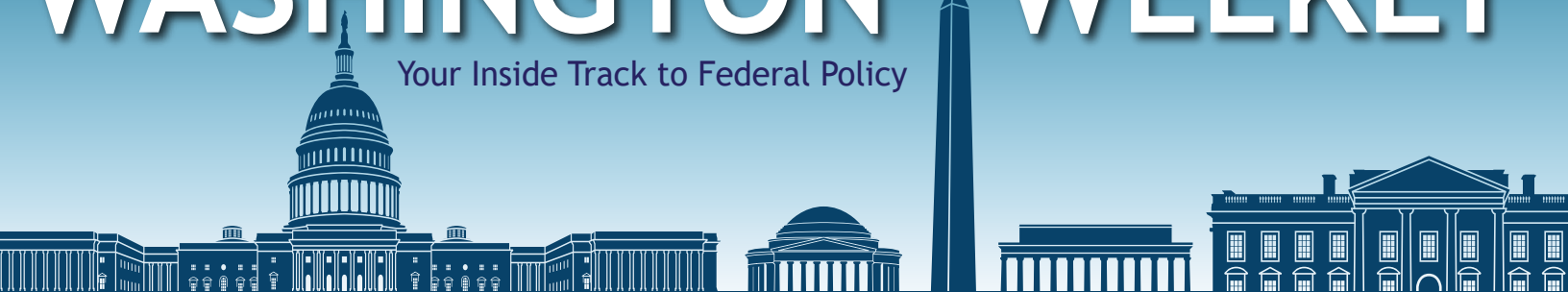


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The Nursing Community Coalition Celebrates 10 Years

Today, the Nursing Community Coalition (NCC) celebrates its 10-year anniversary. To kick-off the celebration, NCC members from across the nation are on Capitol Hill to meet with Congressional and Committee offices to [request additional Senate co-sponsors](#) on Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act ([S.1109](#)), the inclusion of [Section 3003 of H.R. 6](#) in any final opioid package, as well as the support of a Senate companion bill to the Cadet Nurse Corps Equity Act ([H.R.1168](#)). This Hill Day is followed by an evening reception honoring the profession's legislative champions and the Congressional Nursing Caucus. Follow [@RN_Community](#) or [#NCC10Year](#) on Twitter as the NCC honors their 10-year Anniversary.

Rally for Medical Research Hill Day

On September 13, AACN will join advocates, researchers, and clinicians for Rally for Medical Research Capitol Hill Day. Together, [#RallyMedRes](#) attendees will meet with staff and legislators on Capitol Hill to reinforce the need for National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding and outline the essential work that the 27 NIH Institutes and Centers do to improve health and save lives. Funding for the NIH, including the National Institute of Nursing Research, is vital to the health and economic security of the United States and creates broader research opportunities and initiatives. The Rally for Medical Research's Hill Day will educate and raise awareness on this critical need for robust and sustained investment in the NIH. Find more information on the Rally for Medical Research Hill Day [here](#).

Congressional Requests: Support Nursing Workforce, Research, Indian Health Service

As Congress works to finalize the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriation bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, the Nursing Community Coalition [sent a letter](#) in support of the Senate's recommended levels of \$249.472 million for the Nursing Workforce Development programs and \$163.076 million for the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Additionally, AACN signed onto a letter to the [Senate](#) and [House](#) Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittees in support of Indian Health Service (IHS) and their work providing access to care for American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The letter requests that Congress, while considering FY 2019 appropriations, maintain the House-approved \$70 million for IHS in any final spending package. This funding level, if adopted, would allow IHS to recruit and retain more healthcare clinicians, including nurses, provide additional scholarships and loan repayment options, meet the healthcare needs of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, and ensure that public health services are readily available to the people in those communities.

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