



BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Nursing and Health Professionals

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris took office at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and amid rampant nursing and support staff burnout created by understaffed healthcare systems and overworked workers. They passed comprehensive legislation to improve the lives of healthcare workers and address critical weaknesses in our healthcare system exposed by the pandemic.

Supported Our Nurses' Workforce Development

- Increased access to student loan forgiveness for nurses and other healthcare support staff by strengthening Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program and pausing student loan repayments without interest or penalties.
- Provided \$200 million for Nurse Corps Program, which repays up to 85 percent of unpaid nursing education debt for eligible nurses working in critical shortage facilities, in addition to providing scholarships for nursing students committed to working in these facilities.
- Invested \$800 million in National Health Service Corps to provide loan forgiveness and scholarships to primary care health clinicians serving in areas with health professional shortages.
- Called for \$350 million to expand programs that train and support the nursing workforce, including \$32 million to increase nurse faculty and \$28 million for innovative approaches to recruit, support and train new providers.

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Fought a Global Pandemic

- Rolled out most effective vaccination program in history, fully vaccinating more than 220 million adults or approximately 79 percent of all Americans.
- Passed American Rescue Act, which delivered \$1.9 trillion in relief to help American families, businesses, students and workers recover from the pandemic and secured \$140 million to support healthcare professionals experiencing burnout from work.
- Increased workforce funding to address nationwide shortages in nursing and clinical staff to alleviate the burden on health care professionals.
- Invested \$100 million for Medical Reserve Corps, a national volunteer network of health professionals and others who assist in response to natural and public health disasters.
- Expanded Access to Healthcare
- Signed Inflation Reduction Act which, among other things, lowered health insurance costs for 13 million Americans by average of \$800 a year and provided health insurance to additional 3 million Americans.

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