



## **White House Releases FY 2025 Budget; Continues Investments in Midwifery Education**

March 12, 2024 - The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) applauds the Biden Administration on the release of their proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget and its recommended funding for [key domestic and health care programs](#) that benefit Certified Nurse-Midwives, Certified Midwives, accredited midwifery education programs, and current and prospective midwifery students. We are grateful for the Administration's continued support and recognition of the value of increasing access to the midwifery workforce and working to address our country's alarming maternal health crises through federal investments in accredited midwifery education programs.

### **Key Takeaways from the President's FY 2025 Health Resources & Services Administration [budget proposal](#):**

- **Nursing Workforce Development Programs:** Proposed increase of \$20 million above FY 2023 levels for a total of \$320.5 million. The budget includes investments, consistent with the White House Blueprint on Addressing the Maternal Health Crisis, to increase the number of certified nurse-midwives to expand maternal health care options and access as well as grow the nursing workforce to support sustaining labor and delivery services that are under stress in community hospitals across the country.
  - \$10 million increase to Advance Nursing Education to expand the maternity care nursing workforce, which includes additional financial support for the 10 nurse-midwifery programs who won awards for the Maternity Care Nursing Workforce Expansion Program in 2023; and
  - \$10 million increase to Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention to support the nursing pipeline, including for maternal health in rural areas.
- **Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program (SDS):** The budget for the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Program is \$55 million. In FY 2025, HRSA will hold a new competition and fund up to 85 new and competing continuation SDS Program awards. HRSA will continue to support grants to accredited midwifery education programs that educate all nationally certified midwives to address the national shortage of maternity care providers within available funding.

Concerted efforts must be made to recruit, retain, and increase the number of students in accredited midwifery education programs and increase the number midwives who provide care

in rural, frontier, low resource, and underserved areas across the country. ACNM stands ready to work with Congress and key appropriators to pass a federal budget that is inclusive of funding that seeks to improve the quality of maternal health care and recognizes the myriad of benefits and positive outcomes that nurses, midwives, and midwifery-led care have on women, newborns, families, and communities.

[Click here to view the full HRSA proposed budget.](#)