



**American Society of Hematology Statement to the  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies  
FY 2024 Funding for NIH, CDC, and HRSA  
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The American Society of Hematology (ASH) represents more than 18,000 clinicians and scientists committed to the study and treatment of blood and blood-related diseases, including

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**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

ASH supports funding for the SCD programs within HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, including \$8.205 million for the SCD Treatment Demonstration Program (SCDTDP) and at least \$7 million for the SCD Newborn Screening Program, which is part of HRSA's Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) program. The grantees funded by these programs work to improve access to quality care for individuals living with SCD and sickle cell trait. The SCDTDP funds five geographically distributed regional SCD grants that support SCD providers to increase access to high quality, coordinated, comprehensive care for people with SCD, while the SCD Newborn Screening Program provides grants to support the comprehensive care for newborns diagnosed with SCD.

Finally, ASH joins many others in the physician community in supporting funding for HRSA's Supporting the Mental Health of the Health Professions Workforce program. Health care professionals have long experienced high levels of stress and burnout, and our members have shared that the COVID-19 pandemic only exacerbated these problems. Burnout has been shown to reduce job performance, increase turnover, and, in its most extreme instances, lead to mental health issues. This important program, authorized as part of provisions in the *Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act*, will provide funding to support the implementation of evidenced-based and evidence-informed programs, practices, and trainings with the goal of reducing burnout and promoting mental health and wellness among the health care workforce. ASH supports the administration's request for \$25 million for the Supporting the Mental Health of the Health Professions Workforce program in FY 2024 and respectfully urges Congress to provide this funding in order to expand access to vital programs to address the growing mental health challenges facing our health care workforce.

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