On June 26, 2017, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report on health care education and workforce training issues. Although the report was predominantly focused on physician workforce viability, the agency’s findings offer strong support for the role of Title VII programs such as Expansion of Physician Assistant Training grants in increasing the capacity of PA education programs, expanding the number of PAs serving in rural or medically underserved areas following graduation, and alleviating both current and future shortages of primary care providers across the United States. The report’s conclusions offer compelling support for expanded funding for PA education programs under Title VII with a track record of success in improving access to primary care for patients.

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