



# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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1. The sponsoring representative's first name:  
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2. The sponsoring representative's last name:  
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3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.  
Rep. Price
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Wayne State University Office of Women's Health – Coordinating Center
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:  
Wayne State University Office of Women's Health – Coordinating Center, 6135 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 Current Sites: Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital, 18101 Oakwood Blvd Ste 410, Dearborn, MI 48124; Corewell Health Gynecologic Surgical Specialties, 25 Michigan St Northeast Suite 6200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd, Royal Oak, MI 48073; Henry Ford Health System, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48202; Hurley Medical Center, One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503; Hutzel Women's Health Specialists, 4727 St. Antoine Ste 304, Detroit, MI 48201; Hutzel Women's Health Specialists, 9015 Joseph Campau St, Hamtramck, MI 48212; Hutzel Women's Health Specialists, 28800 Ryan Rd Ste #200, Warren, MI 48092; McLaren Flint Hospital, 401 South Ballenger Hwy, Flint, MI 48532; Trinity Health Michigan dba Michigan Heart, 5325 Elliott Dr, Ypsilanti, MI 48197; University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Hospital, 1200 E Michigan Ave #550, Lansing, MI 48912; University of Michigan Health - Von Voigtlander Women's Hospital, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; Wayne Health, 400 Mack Ave, Detroit, MI 48201. Prospective Sites: Aspirus Ironwood Hospital, N10561 Grand View Lane, Ironwood, MI 49938 Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital and Clinics, 205 Osceola St, Laurium, MI 49913 Covenant Healthcare OB/GYN, 700 Cooper Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, 700 Court St., Saginaw, MI 48602 Marshfield Medical Center – Dickinson, 1721 S.

Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 Munson Medical Center, 1105 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI 49684 MyMichigan Medical Center Sault, 500 Osborn Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group, 3401 Ludington St, Escanaba, MI 49829 UP Health System Marquette, 850 W. Baraga Ave, Marquette, MI 49855 UP Health System Bell, 901 Lakeshore Dr, Ishpeming, MI 49849 UP Health System Portage, 500 Campus Dr, Hancock, MI 49930

6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:  
NA

7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:

Current Sites: West Michigan Prosperity Alliance (Prosperity Region 4) Representative Carol Glanville (84th House District): Corewell Health Gynecologic Surgical Specialties; East Michigan Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 6) Representative Cynthia Neeley (70th House District): Hurley Medical Center; McLaren Flint Hospital; South Central Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 7) Representative Emily Dievendorf (77th House District): University of Michigan Health – Sparrow Hospital; Southeast Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 9) Representative Jason Morgan (23rd House District): Trinity Health Michigan; University of Michigan Health – Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital; Detroit Metro Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 10) Representative Alabas Farhat (3rd House District): Corewell Health Dearborn Hospital, Representative Natalie Price (6th House District): Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital, Representative Joe Tate (9th House District): Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Detroit; Wayne Health; Wayne State University Office of Women’s Health – Coordinating Center, Representative Tonya Myers Phillips (7th House District): Henry Ford Health System; Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Hamtramck, Representative Mike McFall (14th House District): Hutzel Women’s Health Specialists-Warren.

Prospective Sites: Upper Peninsula Prosperity Alliance (Prosperity Regions 1a-1c) Prosperity Region 1a – Western UP Prosperity Region Representative Greg Markkanen (110th House District): Aspirus Ironwood Hospital; UP Health System Portage; Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital and Clinics; Prosperity Region 1b - Central UP Prosperity Region Representative Karl Bohnak (109th House District): UP Health System Marquette and UP Health System Bell Representative Greg Markkanen (110th House District): Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson Representative Dave Prestin (108th House District): OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group; Prosperity Region 1c – Eastern UP Prosperity Region Representative Parker Fairbairn (107th House District): MyMichigan Medical Center Sault; Northwest Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 2) – Traverse City Representative John Roth (104th House District): Munson Medical Center; East Central Michigan Prosperity Region (Prosperity Region 5) Representative Amos O’Neal (94th House District): Covenant Healthcare OB/GYN; Great Lakes Bay Health Centers;

8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.

SOS MATERNITY in Michigan merges medical and structural interventions to improve maternal-child health outcomes. This is accomplished through dissemination & implementation of evidence-based best practices, community engagement, educational programming, research and advocacy measures. This expanding coalition of healthcare institutions across the state is designed to broadly provide bundled maternal care to as many pregnant Michigan residents as possible, promoting community health across patient populations.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

1573000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["State"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

University/College

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Not applicable

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Not applicable

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Not applicable

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

N/A

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

2025/2026 School year

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



**Request:** *Wayne State University College of Nursing is requesting \$1,573,000 million dollars* in funding for a 4-year program to increase the number of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNPs) to expand access to mental health services and provide care in underserved communities throughout this state. This funding would provide direct financial support to newly enrolled students that are committed to advancing their education, addressing the mental health provider shortage challenges, and staying in Michigan. Wayne State's program is one of four graduate nursing psychiatric-mental health programs in the state of Michigan and one of the longest running programs in the state and in the country. Nearly 90% of graduates from our PMHNP program stay in Michigan and work across the entire state after they graduate. The average PMHNP practicing full-time will see 13-20 patients per day.

**Background:** Michigan continues to see the need for behavioral health services increase, yet we continue to experience significant shortages of the availability of providers to meet behavioral health needs of our population throughout the state. *Michigan is among the top five states with the largest number of designated mental health professional shortage areas.* Just 40% of the need for mental health services in Michigan is being met. Many healthcare providers responding to those needs lack the expertise to properly treat mental health concerns or to spot the psychological root of physical ailments. Trained to recognize mental health concerns lurking behind physical complaints, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners are well positioned to positively address this need.

**History:** Wayne State University College of Nursing has received previous state funding from MDHHS that has allowed for the training of 32 additional PMHNPs that provide care across the state. Continued state support has allowed WSU CON to expand the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program and increase the number of mental health providers directly into Michigan's workforce to provide greater access to Michigan's most vulnerable populations.

Specifically, state funding has provided direct support for faculty and student stipends. Upon completion of the graduate nursing program, graduates that received student stipends must live and work in under-served areas throughout the state for a *minimum of 2 years as new Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners*. In addition to expanding providers for the Metro Detroit area, our students that have received state support under this opportunity have found employment in underserved areas such as Marquette, Traverse City, Ishpeming, Paw Paw, Saginaw, Tawas, and Pinconning.

**Outcome (Return on Investment):** The FY 2026 funding would allow WSU CON to train an additional 32 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners over the next 4 years. Each new PMHNP would be required to work in Michigan for a minimum of 2 years.

For more information, please contact Monika Miner at [monika@wayne.edu](mailto:monika@wayne.edu) or at 517-980-9024.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

ELIZABETH HERTEL  
DIRECTOR

April 23, 2025

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
South Grand Building  
333 S. Grand Ave.,  
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative,

The Office of Nursing Programs within the Policy and Planning Bureau of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, is reaching out to share support for Wayne State University College of Nursing's appropriation request of \$1,573,000 million dollars in the FY 2026 state budget to support a statewide Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) traineeship program.

State funding would allow Wayne State University College of Nursing to increase the number of PMHNPs to expand access to mental health services and provide care in underserved communities throughout this state by providing direct financial support to newly enrolled students who are committed to advancing their education, addressing the mental health provider shortage challenges, and staying in Michigan. Wayne State University has successfully implemented three grant programs to increase the number of Nurse Practitioners available to meet community needs in Michigan. To date, those three programs have enrolled a total of 40 students, 12 of which who have graduated and are beginning service obligations, demonstrating Wayne State's commitment to this issue.

Michigan continues to see the need for behavioral health services increase, yet we continue to experience significant shortages of the availability of providers to meet behavioral health needs of our population throughout the state. Michigan is among the top five states with the largest number of designated mental health professional shortage areas. Just 40.3% of the need for mental health services in Michigan is being met.

Many healthcare providers responding to those needs lack the expertise to properly treat mental health concerns or to spot the psychological root of physical ailments. Trained to recognize mental health concerns lurking behind physical complaints, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners are well positioned to positively address this need. The average PMHNP practicing full-time will see 13-20 patients per day. These highly trained advanced practice registered nurses will help alleviate the maldistribution and shortage of mental health providers in the neediest parts of our state. Please support their efforts.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Myers".

Amber Myers  
Division Director, Healthcare Workforce  
Policy and Planning Bureau  
MyersA1@michigan.gov



Wayne State  
College of Nursing  
Office of the Dean

*Ramona Benkert, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP*  
*Dean & Professor*

April 16, 2025

Dear Representative:

As the Dean of the Wayne State University College of Nursing, I am reaching out to you to respectfully request your consideration and assistance in securing a state investment in the FY 2026 state budget through a \$1,573,000 million dollar appropriations line-item to support a statewide Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) traineeship program.

State funding would allow us to increase the number of PMHNPs to expand access to mental health services and provide care in underserved communities throughout this state by providing direct financial support to newly enrolled students who are committed to advancing their education, addressing the mental health provider shortage challenges, and staying in Michigan.

Specifically, the funding would allow the college to train an additional 32 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners over the next 4 years. Each new graduate would be required to work in a federally designated medically underserved area, population or health professional shortage area in Michigan for a minimum of 2 years upon completion of the program.

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Please support our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona A. Benkert".

Ramona Benkert, PhD, ANP-BC, FAANP  
Dean & Professor  
College of Nursing, Wayne State University

Salaries/Fringes (a & b)

		Draft Budget			
Person	Salary	FTE	Total Requested	Fringe Benefit	Funds Requested
Clinical Instructor (1.0 FTE a Year)	\$90,000	4.00	360,000	98,640	458,640
Clinical Instructor (.3375 FTE for 4 years)	\$90,000	1.35	121,050	33,168	154,218
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TOTAL SALARIES/Fringes			481,050	131,808	612,858
C. Travel					
In State Mileage					
Training Travel Costs					
TOTAL TRAVEL					0
D. Equipment					
TOTAL EQUIPMENT					0
E. Supplies					
Marketing Materials					
Project Manuals (Per Participate)					
General Office Supplies /					
Equipment/Laptops and Projectors					
TOTAL SUPPLIES					0
F. Contractual					
TOTAL CONTRACTUAL					0
G. Construction					0
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION					0
H. Other Direct Costs					
Student Stipends		32	30,000		960,000
TOTAL OTHER DIRECT COSTS					960,000
Modified Indirect Costs					0
TOTAL INDIRECT/DIRECT REQUESTED					1,572,858
Total Grant Request					1,573,000
				O/U	142

1.0 FTE for 4 years = 4.0 FTE  
.3375 FTE for 4 years = 1.35 FTE