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The Center Calls on Congress to Reauthorize and Fund the Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)ⁱ, health workers' mental health is worse than that of any other segment of the U.S. workforce. Healthcare providers suffer from a critically high degree of burnout and stress. Currently, more than one physician in the United States dies by suicide every day. The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 has magnified the issues faced by frontline healthcare providers, yet many continue to suffer in silence out of fear of the professional stigma of seeking help.

Congress needs to take action to continue funding the life-saving, systems-changing work enabled by the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, a first-of-its-kind law to protect and strengthen health workers' mental health and well-being. The law has already transformed and saved lives—improving the systems in which health workers are educated, trained, and practice by:

- Enabling the development of [suicide prevention resources](#)ⁱⁱ tailored to the unique working conditions of health workers,
- Providing [innovative training materials](#)ⁱⁱⁱ for 35,000+ healthcare leaders to address the specific operational factors and burdens that drive their workforce's burnout, and
- Supporting 250,000+ health workers across [45 evidence-informed initiatives](#)^{iv} at hospitals, health systems, health professions schools, and community organizations to improve health workers' mental health.

We urge Congress to pass **H.R.929/S.266 Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Reauthorization Act**.

ⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/health-worker-mental-health/index.html#:~:text=Health%20Workers%20Face%20a%20Mental%20Health%20Crisis%20%7C%20VitalSigns%20%7C%20CDC&text=More%20than%20double%20the%20number,in%202022%20than%20in%202018.&text=Nearly%20half%20of%20health%20workers,up%20from%2032%25%20in%202018>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.aha.org/suicideprevention/health-care-workforce/suicide-prevention-guide>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/healthcare/impactwellbeing/>

^{iv} <https://www.wpchange.org/hrsa-grantees>