



Statement from the American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) on HHS Restructuring and Workforce Reduction

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The American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP) continues to support the Trump Administration's stated commitment to "Make America Healthy Again," recognizing the urgent need to enhance the well-being of all Americans. We applaud any sincere effort to bolster public health, ensure healthcare access, and address systemic disparities within our communities. However, we are gravely concerned by the recently announced actions involving significant restructuring and further workforce reductions at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Recent statements indicate a proposal to eliminate up to 10,000 additional positions and reorganize critical federal agencies and offices addressing key public health issues. These actions are likely to threaten the continuity of provision of the [Foundational Public Health Services](#) for all Americans and impede the government's ability to respond to national health challenges. While we understand the desire to optimize government operations, dismantling critical infrastructure at such a scale may inadvertently compromise the very goal of safeguarding Americans' health. Of particular concern is the potential impact on:

Public Health Preparedness: Substantial staff cuts may weaken America's readiness to manage infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and other crises that demand swift, coordinated federal action.

Priority Population Initiatives: Reducing resources may exacerbate health disparities by limiting services and support for vulnerable and high-risk communities. Communities with a high burden of illness also burden health systems.

Data and Research Capacity: HHS plays a central role in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating health data that inform program and policy decisions. Downsizing key offices may disrupt data collection and erode confidence in federal health statistics.

While AMHP remains enthusiastic about any plan to improve public health, we urge the Administration and HHS leadership to pursue reforms that bolster the agency's mission

rather than undermine it. Reconfiguring government structures must not come at the expense of essential public health services. We encourage the Trump administration to engage with relevant stakeholders so that changes are both fiscally responsible and responsive to real-world needs.

In these times of heightened public health challenges, a strong and well-supported HHS is crucial for ensuring all Americans have access to the care, information and resources necessary for a healthier future and family.

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Sincerely,
American Muslim Health Professionals