



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill number: House Bill 692
Title: Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Controlled Dangerous Substances
Hearing Date: February 17, 2020
Position: Support with Amendment

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 512 – Drugs and Devices – Electronic Prescriptions – Controlled Dangerous Substances* with an amendment. The bill would require prescribers to issue electronic prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances (CDS). There would be some exceptions which would allow the prescriber to issue CDS prescription in writing.

Last year, ACNM opposed the eprescribing bill when it was originally introduced. However, ACNM worked with the proponents and other stakeholders on amendments that addressed implementation issues on the provider side. By the end of the last session, ACNM supported the bill with the negotiated amendments. This year’s legislation reflects the amendments negotiated last year by the providers with one minor exception. Last year’s bill allowed for a two-year implementation time period, while it is only one year in this year’s legislation. *We request an amendment to allow a two-year implementation date.*

On page 11 in line 19, strike “2021” and replace with “2022.”

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.