



Committee: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 476

Title: Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks

Date: February 16, 2021

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 476 – Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks*. The bill clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), just as other types of nurses, can delegate nursing tasks.

Certified nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners have full practice authority, meaning that they practice independently within a health care team at a facility or in their own private practices. The bill recognizes the need for CNMs to be able to delegate routine nursing tasks to individuals with medical training. As an example, CNMs can prescribe contraception, such as the Depo Provera injection. The bill clarifies that the CNM may delegate the administration of Depo Provera to an assistant as long as: 1) the assistant is trained by the CNM to perform that function; and 2) the CNM is on-site. Delegation of these types of tasks makes patient care more efficient, thus allowing the CNM to focus their time on higher level clinical tasks.

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