



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 1313

**Title:** Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccine Administration

**Hearing Date:** February 23, 2021

**Position:** Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 1313 – Emergency Medical Services – Paramedics – Vaccine Administration*. The bill takes a tailored approach to expanding access to vaccines after the public health emergency.

The bill authorizes paramedics to administer any vaccination on the CDC schedule or authorized for emergency use to: 1) another paramedic to address occupational health needs; or 2) an adult in the general public if part of a structured public health outreach program under a local health department or hospital. Paramedics work under the orders of a medical director and must follow protocols developed by the EMS Board. MNA believe this structured approach would ensure that paramedics are working with a health care team who will ensure appropriate follow-up care for patients vaccinated by paramedics.

MNA thanks the sponsor and the MIEMSS for bringing this legislative proposal forward, and we ask for a favorable report. If we can provide additional perspective, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.