



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

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 734

**Title:** Maryland Health Care Commission - Primary Care Report and Workgroup

**Hearing Date:** March 30, 2022

**Position:** Favorable with Amendments

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The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 734 – Maryland Health Care Commission - Primary Care Report and Workgroup*. This bill seeks to create a commission to study ways to improve our state’s primary care workforce.

Many Marylanders receive primary care services from nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives. This is especially true for low-income and rural Marylanders. Maryland is only going to be able to fully address the need for primary care, if we adequately utilize all primary care providers.

We request the following amendments:

On Page 6, Line 14, strike “**AND**” and in Line 15 strike “.” and substitute “;” and after line 15 insert:

**“(5) PRIMARY CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES; AND  
(6) MIDWIFERY SERVICES.”**

On Page 7, Line 15, after “**GYNECOLOGISTS,**” insert “**MARYLAND NURSES ASSOCIATION,  
MARYLAND AFFILIATE - AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES, MARYLAND COMMUNITY  
HEALTH SYSTEM,**”

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at [stiffin@policypartners.net](mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net).