



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number: House Bill 1111
Title: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Prescribers of Opioids –
Notification Requirement
Hearing Date: March 3, 2022
Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1125 – Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Prescribers of Opioids – Notification Requirement*. The bill would require prescribers and dispensers of opioids to notify the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program about several items: 1) whether the prescriber has received education regarding the risks of opioid use; 2) if the prescriber is aware of the availability of opioid reversal drugs; and 3) whether the prescriber has dispensed an opioid reversal drug.

ACNM agrees with the underlying intent of the bill to ensure providers have sufficient information about opioids and opioid reversal drugs. However, we believe the bill is duplicative of existing education requirements for holders of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) registration. All providers with a CDS registration must take a course which includes the information delineated in the bill. For this reason, we ask for an unfavorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.