



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

**Bill:** House Bill 278 - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing Authority

**Hearing Date:** February 22, 2023

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports House Bill 278 – *Clinical Nurse Specialists – Prescribing Authority*. Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) work alongside clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) in many settings including clinical programs that support individuals throughout pregnancy and during the postpartum period. CNSs have the clinical education and training to prescribe to their patients. Since CNSs do not have prescriptive authority under Maryland law, CNSs must turn to other providers to write prescriptions for patients. This needlessly disrupts the care of patients, and can delay the patient getting prescriptions. If Maryland’s health care system is to function effectively and efficiently, we need to ensure practitioners are able to provide all the services for which they are qualified. Therefore, we ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).