



To: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 326 - Physician Assistants – Parity with Other Health Care Practitioners

Date: February 10, 2026

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) and the Maryland Association of School Health Nurses support *House Bill 377 – Physician Assistant – Parity with Other Health Care Practitioners*. The bill recognizes the role of physician assistants as advanced practice clinicians in primary care and other health care settings. We are supporting this legislation because school-based health centers can be staffed by physician assistants along with nurse practitioners and physicians. The bill advances the integration of physician assistants into primary care settings by: 1) Creating a seat for a physician assistant on the State Advisory Council on Immunizations; 2) Recognizing the role of physician assistants as primary care providers in HMOs; and 3) Allowing physician assistants to prescribe epinephrine for emergency use in youth camps.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.