



**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 838 – State Board of Pharmacy- Prescriber Pharmacist Agreements

**Hearing Date:** February 25, 2026

**Position:** Support with Amendment

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 838 – State Board of Pharmacy – Prescriber-Pharmacist Agreements*. The legislation updates the framework for prescriber-pharmacist agreements, including eliminating a requirement that these agreements be submitted to participants’ licensure board. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends prescriber-pharmacist agreements as a strategy to improve the management of chronic conditions of patients; and nearly all states authorize some form of these agreements.<sup>i</sup>

We ask that the Committee consider an amendment to add licensed certified midwives as authorized participant in these agreements. Licensed certified midwives, established as a licensed occupation by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021, have the same scope of practice as certified nurse midwives.<sup>ii</sup>

On 1 in line 20, insert

**§ 12-6A-01. Definitions.**

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Authorized prescriber” means a licensed physician, licensed podiatrist, [ or ] certified advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority under § 8-508 of this article, OR A LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE.

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

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<sup>i</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/high-blood-pressure/media/pdfs/2024/04/Translational\\_Tools\\_Pharmacists.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/high-blood-pressure/media/pdfs/2024/04/Translational_Tools_Pharmacists.pdf)

<sup>ii</sup> [https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/chapters\\_noln/Ch\\_462\\_hb0758E.pdf](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2021RS/chapters_noln/Ch_462_hb0758E.pdf)

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