

Chapter 870

(Senate Bill 996)

AN ACT concerning

**Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – Professional Liability Insurance
Coverage – Notification Requirements**

FOR the purpose of requiring advanced practice registered nurses practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State to notify patients in writing of certain information relating to professional liability insurance coverage; requiring that the notification be provided at certain visits and as part of certain informed consents, signed by a patient at certain times, and retained as part of the advanced practice registered nurse’s patient records; requiring each advanced practice registered nurse practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State who does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage to post the information in a certain location at the advanced practice registered nurse’s place of practice; and generally relating to advanced practice registered nurses and professional liability coverage.

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 8–515
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations

8–515.

**(A) EACH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICING AS AN
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE SHALL NOTIFY A PATIENT
IN WRITING IF:**

**(1) THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE DOES NOT
MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE; OR**

**(2) THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE’S PROFESSIONAL
LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE HAS LAPSED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME AND HAS
NOT BEEN RENEWED.**

(B) THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) PROVIDED:

(I) AT THE FIRST VISIT BY THE PATIENT DURING ANY PERIOD IN WHICH THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE DOES NOT MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE, UNLESS THE VISIT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING INCIDENTAL MEDICAL CARE THAT WILL BE RENDERED FREE OF CHARGE; AND

(II) AS PART OF EACH INFORMED CONSENT OBTAINED BEFORE ANY PROCEDURE OR OPERATION DISCUSSED OR OFFERED FOR THE PATIENT'S CONSIDERATION IS PERFORMED;

(2) SIGNED BY THE PATIENT AT THE TIME OF THE PATIENT'S VISIT OR AT THE TIME THE INFORMED CONSENT IS SIGNED; AND

(3) RETAINED BY THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AS PART OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE'S PATIENT RECORDS.

(C) EACH ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICING AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE WHO DOES NOT MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE SHALL POST THIS INFORMATION IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION IN THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE'S PLACE OF PRACTICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Board of Nursing shall develop appropriate language for the notification required under § 8-515 of the Health Occupations Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.