



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 936

Title: Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks

Date: March 3, 2020

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 936 – Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Nursing Tasks*. The bill clarifies that advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), just as other types of nurses, can delegate nursing tasks. The bill also clarifies that all nurses can delegate nursing tasks to an assistant with medical training in certain circumstances.

MNA supports this legislation because nurses, including APRNs, must make decisions about delegation every day in all health care environments. The bill makes it clear when delegation of routine tasks is appropriate to unlicensed individuals, such as nursing assistants: 1) when the nurse must be on-site; and 2) the nurse has determined that the individual has the training and ability to complete the delegated task.

This bill will also provide clarity to health facilities and programs, as they will understand how nurses can delegate to medical assistants and other similar personnel. This information is critical as health care facilities plan on how to structure their care teams.

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