



**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

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) 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.

CNMs, just as NPs, have full practice authority, meaning that they practice independently within a health care team at a facility or in their own private practices. The bill recognizes the need for CNMs to be able to delegate routine nursing tasks to individuals with medical training. As an example, CNMs can prescribe contraception, such as the Depo Provera injection. The bill clarifies that the CNM may delegate the administration of Depo Provera to a medical assistant, just as long as the CNM is onsite. Delegation of these types of tasks makes patient care more efficient, thus allowing the CNM to focus their time on higher level clinical tasks.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.