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HB 497 – Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant**Support**

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The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) supports *HB 497 – Education – School Physical Examinations – Physician Assistant*.

We strongly support the addition of Physician Assistants (PA) to the list of providers who are eligible to complete the physical examination for children entering the Maryland Public School System for the first time.

Physician Assistants are an essential part of the healthcare team in Maryland. This bill expands access to care for our students and allows them to enter the school system on a timely basis. It does not expand the scope of practice for Physician Assistants as they routinely perform this type of examination.

Please contact, president@mdapa.org or legislative@mdapa.org, 410-818-MAPA (6272) and John Stierhoff (JRStierhoff@venable.com, (410) 269-4875) for any information you may need about Physician Assistants or HB 497.

We ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB 497,

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