



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: SB 748 - Public Health – State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information

Hearing Date: March 3, 2020

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 748- State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information*. The bill requires the integration of medical records from nursing homes into the State’s Health Information Exchange, also known as CRISP.

When patients are discharged from nursing homes, nurses are often the primary providers responsible for coordinating patient care. To be effective, nurses need access to complete medical records. With the integration of nursing home records into CRISP, nurses will be in a better position to manage the care of their patients, improve patient outcomes, and reduce readmissions to hospitals and nursing homes.

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 or (443) 926-3443.