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Re: HB 219 Naturopathic Doctors - Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice - SUPPORT

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc., the only professional association advocating solely for the over 7,100 certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed in Maryland, and the over 800 active members of NPAM, we are requesting your support for **HB 219 Naturopathic Doctors – Formulary Council Membership**, **Formular Content**, and Scope of Practice.

This bill will authorize a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorize a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorize a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; and, would add a Nurse Practitioner to Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council.

NPAM welcomes the opportunity to assist with the search for a qualified Nurse Practitioner to sit on the Council. Thank you for your support of **HB 219 Naturopathic Doctors – Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice** this legislative session.

Feel free to contact Beverly Lang, Executive Director, NPAM if you need additional information.

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