



Support with Amendment

SB 623 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Income of Health Care Workers

Senate Budget and Tax Committee

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 623 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Income of Health Care Workers*. The bill would provide a \$25,000 subtraction from income for calculating taxes for a two-year-period for certain health care practitioners: 1) primary care providers including ob/gyn, pediatric, and geriatric services; 2) behavioral health; and 3) dental services.

Nurse-midwives serve a wide range of essential health care services. These services can include primary care; gynecological and family planning services; preconception care; care during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period; care of the newborn during the first 28 days of life; and treatment for sexually transmitted infections. Midwives also conduct physical examinations, provide comprehensive assessment diagnosis and treatment, and admit and manage discharge patients.

Nurse-midwives have stepped up during the pandemic and supported some of the most vulnerable populations during COVID-19: pregnant women. Midwives had to re-consider how to support pregnant women because they could no longer be in close proximity to their patients.ⁱ Nurse-midwives also faced the same hardships and hurdles as other providers. They often lacked personal protective equipment (PPE) and were re-deployed to COVID units to support other staff. Therefore, ACNM suggests the following amendment:

On Page 1, after Page 10 add “4. MIDWIFERY SERVICES”.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://www.un.org/en/pregnant-women-are-worried-about-giving-birth-during-pandemic>