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## **Support**

### **SB019 - Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections**

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The Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians (MAAPC) supports Senator Lam's SB019 Pharmacists - Administration of Maintenance Injectable Medications - Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections

Many primary and family care practices in underserved areas do not have the staff to administer and monitor patients receiving maintenance injectable medications for sexually transmitted infections. Obtaining these medications from the pharmaceutical companies and justifying payment authorization from insurance companies also add an administrative burden to small practices. These functions are computerized in pharmacies, and they therefore can obtain the necessary medication for our patients in a timely manner.

This bill will allow Maryland patients greater access to these necessary medications.

We urge a favorable report on this bill. If you need further information, please contact me at [DrElaineCrainNP@gmail.com](mailto:DrElaineCrainNP@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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