



**NURSE PRACTITIONER**  
Association of Maryland

*Advocating for Maryland NPs since 1992*

**Bill: SB 51- Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund- Establishment**

**Position: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS**

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc., (NPAM), the only professional association advocating solely for the over 8,011 certified Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed in Maryland, and the over 800 active members of NPAM, we are requesting your support w/ amendment for **SB 51**.

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are registered nurses with advanced clinical training and education at the Masters or Doctoral level and have successfully passed a national certification exam. Similar to Physicians, NPs conduct pediatric cancer research, prevention, and treatment and should therefore be included in the bill for which grants are provided using remaining funds.

For these reasons, we respectfully request an amendment to **page 3, line 25 to include "Nurse Practitioners"**. Some prior NP research includes:

Ho Cheung William Li, PhD, RN, Oi Kwan Joyce Chung, PhD, RN, Ching Janice Tam, BN, RN, and Sau Ying Chiu, MPH, RN. Effective Prevention and Management of Tumor Lysis Syndrome in Children With Cancer: The Important Contributions of Pediatric Oncology Nurses. *Journal of Pediatric Oncology Nursing* 2015, Vol. 32(4) 209–218 DOI: 10.1177/1043454214555551

Lieselot Cool, PhD; Jana Missiaen, RN; Philip Debruyne, MD, PhD, MSc; Hans Pottel, PhD; Veerle Foulon, PhD; Tessa Lefebvre, MSc; Laura Tack, MSc; Petra Archie, RN; Dominique Vandijck, PhD; and Koen Van Eygen, MD. Oncologic Home-Hospitalization Delivers a High-Quality and Patient-Centered Alternative to Standard Ambulatory Care: Results of a Randomized-Controlled Equivalence Trial *JCO Global Oncology*; 11/19/2021, Vol. 7, p1564-1571, 8p DOI <https://doi.org/10.1200/GO.21.00158>

Thank you for your support of **SB 51**. Please contact NPAM Executive Director Beverly Lang should you have questions.

Kindest Regards,

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