



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number: House Bill 49
Title: Public Health – Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program – Nurse Practitioners
Hearing Date: January 20, 2022
Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 49 – Public Health – Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program – Nurse Practitioners*. The bill will support youth camps in ensuring the health and safety of their campers.

Under current law, youth camps may obtain a Department of Health certificate to obtain auto-injectable epinephrine to use in cases of emergency allergic reactions. To obtain the certificate, youth camps must meet requirements set by the Maryland Department of Health. Youth camps can then obtain auto-injectable epinephrine by prescription from a physician but not from a nurse practitioner. This limitation is both outdated and impractical. Nurse practitioners are often the consulting provider to youth camps. The bill proposes to revise the law to recognize nurse practitioners may also prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine to youth camps with Department of Health certificates.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.