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RE: HB 623 Income Tax Subtraction Modification Health Care Workers

Position: Support with Amendments

On behalf of the over 800 members Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc. (NPAM), and the over 8,000 Nurse Practitioners licensed to practice in Maryland, I am writing to support with amendments **HB 623 Income Tax Subtraction Modification Health Care Workers**. This bill will allow for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain essential health care workers. In the bill health care workers has the following meaning: **“ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE WORKER” MEANS A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, A REGISTERED NURSE, OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER WHO PERFORMED A DUTY OR WORK RESPONSIBILITY.**

We support **HB 623** with the addition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses added to the list of essential health care workers eligible for this income tax subtraction.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are Registered Nurses who have been educated at either a Master’s or Doctoral level, and provide acute and chronic care in a variety of settings including in-patient and primary care settings for Maryland residents of all ages.

We therefore respectfully request that the current language of HB 623 be **amended to include Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the list of essential health care workers eligible for this income tax subtraction modification.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Feel free to contact Beverly Lang, Executive Director, NPAM if you need additional information.

Kindest Regards,

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