



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 678 - Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Services
Rendered by a Pharmacist

Hearing Date: March 23, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *Senate Bill 678 - Health Insurance - Reimbursement for Services Rendered by a Pharmacist*. This bill requires that all services rendered by a licensed pharmacist within the pharmacist's lawful scope of practice, rather than only certain services, be reimbursed.

Reimbursement for pharmacists providing vaccinations and prescribing contraception is a crucial element of providing quality healthcare. Vaccinations are an important way to prevent the spread of dangerous and contagious diseases and can save lives. Contraception is essential for people to be able to make informed decisions about their reproductive health. By ensuring pharmacists are properly reimbursed for providing these services, it is more likely that pharmacies will offer them and more people will have access to them. This helps to reduce the burden on other healthcare providers and allows more people to receive care in their local community. Reimbursement also provides financial security for pharmacists, allowing them to focus more on patient care and less on the financial pressures of their practice. Ultimately, reimbursement is a key part of providing essential healthcare services.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Michael Paddy mpaddy@policypartners.net.