



**Bill: 496**

**Position:** Support

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM), representing over 850 members and the 8000 Nurse Practitioners that practice in Maryland, and we support the Income Tax - Credits for Nursing Program Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Alterations

Reducing the hours for the tax credit from 100 to 90 hours will allow more participants in the tax credit program. This bill will better align with the clinical hours that nursing programs complete each semester. The hours students complete are at the rate of 45 hours per credit. Preceptors are essential to nursing programs. Preceptors spend time with the students guiding and supporting them as they develop their skills. Extending the Tax Credit for preceptors and reducing the hours to 90 will help to alleviate the health care shortage in underserved areas.

For these reasons, we respectfully request you support HB 496. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [NPAMexecdir@gmail.com](mailto:NPAMexecdir@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

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