



# Board of Physicians

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## 2026 SESSION POSITION PAPER

**BILL NO.:** House Bill 520 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors -  
Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance

**COMMITTEE:** Health

**POSITION:** Letter of Support

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Position Note: The Maryland Board of Physicians' (the Board) support for this legislation is based solely on operational and fiscal feasibility. The Board does not take a position on scope-of-practice issues and is not opining on whether naturopathic doctors should be authorized to prescribe prescription medications.

The Board is respectfully submitting this Letter of Support for House Bill (HB) 520 - State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors - Scope of Practice, Renewals, and Professional Liability Insurance. HB 520 would authorize naturopathic doctors licensed in the State to prescribe prescription medications, including any controlled dangerous substances (CDS) listed in the formulary. The formulary will be developed by recommendation of the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council on Controlled Dangerous Substances and approved by the Board. Additionally, it would permit naturopathic doctors to administer medications intramuscularly, subcutaneously, and intravenously.

HB 520 was drafted following a series of meetings convened during the interim and with input from stakeholders, including the Board, MedChi, and the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians. As currently drafted, the bill can be implemented with current resources and has no operational or fiscal impact.

The Board appreciates Vice Chair Cullison's commitment to collaboration and open conversation during the drafting of this bill and looks forward to continued partnership.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact Madeline DelGreco, Manager of Policy and Legislation, at 410-764-5053.

Sincerely,

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D.  
Chair, Maryland Board of Physicians

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