



**NURSE PRACTITIONER
Association of Maryland**

“Advocating for Maryland NPs Since 1992”

March 24, 2026

Re: Bill: HB 0377/SB 0326: Physician Assistants and Midwives – Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2026)

POSITION: Support with Amendments

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, Inc. (NPAM) representing over 8,500 Nurse Practitioners (NPs) licensed in Maryland and 850 active NPAM members, I am writing to state support for **HB 0377/SB 0326: Physician Assistants and Midwives – Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2026)** with the following amendment.

On **Page 11, Lines 17 through 23**, HB 0377 addresses the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations. Nurse Practitioners (NPs), as licensed and nationally certified advanced practice registered nurses, have advanced clinical training and education, and practice independently in Maryland. NPs are qualified to have a seat on the Commission and respectfully request that a NP be named as such in this bill.

17 (b) There is a Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations.

18 (d) The following members are subject to term limits:

19 (11) One physician member of the American College of Physicians – Internal

20 Medicine Society of Maryland; [and]

21 (12) ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND 22 ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND

23 [(12)] (13) Up to three additional members selected by the Secretary.

Also, on Page 11, Lines 1 through 11 of the bill, NPs are not listed. We request that NPs be included here.

1 (c) In an emergency situation when registered nurse practitioner, physician,

2 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, or emergency medical services are not immediately available,
a
3 certificate holder or agent may administer emergency use epinephrine to an individual
 who
4 is experiencing or believed in good faith by the certificate holder or agent to be
 experiencing
5 anaphylaxis.
6 13–707.
7 (b) (1) A cause of action may not arise against any **physician OR PHYSICIAN**
8 ASSISTANT for any act or omission when the **physician OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**
 in good
9 faith prescribes or dispenses emergency use epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia
10 for the administration of emergency use epinephrine to a person certified by the
11 Department under this subtitle.

We respectfully request a favorable vote to support **HB 0377/SB 0326: Physician Assistants and Midwives – Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners (Physician Assistant Parity Act of 2026)** with the above referenced recommended amendments naming a NP to the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations and adding NPs to those who “a cause of action may not arise”.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact me at NPAMexecdir@gmail.com .

Sincerely,

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