



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 326 – Physician Assistants and Midwives – Parity with Other Health Care Practitioners

Hearing Date: April 1, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 326 – Physician Assistants and Midwives – Parity with Other Health Care Practitioners*. The bill primarily updates Maryland’s code to acknowledge the role of physician assistants. There are two specific provisions that also include updates for midwives: 1) Recognition that nurse-midwives and certified midwives are primary care providers under health maintenance organizations. Maryland Medicaid and Medicare already recognize nurse midwives as primary care providers; and 2) Acknowledgement that nurse-midwives and certified midwives have the ability to admit pregnant patients to the infirmary in correctional facilities.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.