



# Board of Physicians

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**BILL NO.:** HB 377  
**TITLE:** PAs – Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners  
**COMMITTEE:** Health  
**POSITION:** Letter of Support

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**POSITION AND RATIONALE:**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) is submitting this Letter of Support for House Bill HB 377, Physician Assistants – Parity With Other Health Care Practitioners

The purpose of House Bill 377 is to add physician assistants to the existing lists of practitioners who are allowed to perform certain acts, such as guardianship petitions, involuntary admissions, petitions for emergency evaluation, and prescribing emergency use epinephrine. The Board does not believe it is authorized to interpret laws that specifically refer to "physicians" as also including physician assistants. The Board believes that the prior exclusion of physician assistants from these articles of law was an oversight and should be corrected to include them. It is important to note that this bill does not alter current Board practices or operations. Therefore, the Board respectfully requests that the committee vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration. For more information, please contact for more information, contact:

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Sincerely,

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