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September 15, 2025

Regarding : Formation MIA Advisory Board

Position: **Support**

Dear Commissioner Marie Grant,

On behalf of the over 850 members of the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland, we submit support for establishment of a health insurance advisory board to provide input on key issues relating to health insurance and health coverage.

As Nurse Practitioners, we daily strive to improve the lives of our patients and ensure that they receive the best care we can provide in a fiscally-responsible environment. Far too often, we see rejections of care, medications, or equipment that challenges each patient's self-care needs and restricts their optimal health. To date, many other avenues have been attempted, but failed to remove obstacles or improve the complexities of our current healthcare system. We support this new advisory board of the MIA under the guidance of Marie Grant and composed of groups truly interested in fulfilling the promise of improving today's healthcare challenges that affect the citizens of Maryland.

Nurse Practitioners have a long history of advocating for their patients and families. We would be honored to be invited members of this health advisory board to continue to speak and advocate for the health needs of Marylanders. We believe a board consisting of eight to ten members, for two year terms with half rotating off at the end of every year, and meeting every other month could significantly impact the ability to hear Marylanders concerns and make timely recommendations for improvements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our association via NPAM Executive Director, Malinda Duke, at NPAMexecdir@gmail.com.

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