

# MARYLAND NP HOME HEALTH WAIVER

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# Maryland was first state to allow NPs to certify Medicare Home Health Services

- This was because of Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model Recognition that "Nurse practitioners can independently practice medicine in Maryland and can oversee care for patients who do not have a primary care physician"
- Health Services Cost Review Commission - Cost savings for hospitals when discharges are delayed until facility-based physician signs home care order
- Waiver started January 1, 2020: <https://campaignforaction.org/maryland-waiver-eases-homebound-patients-access-to-nurses/>

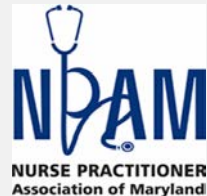
# NPAM Update & Resources

- Maryland National Capital Homecare Association (MNCHA) Executive Director & President invited to speak at NPAM Spring Membership Meeting – April 27, 2020
- NPAM offering webinar opportunity which covers home health waiver background, chronic care management, best practices for billing home health

<https://www.npamonline.org/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=16296156>

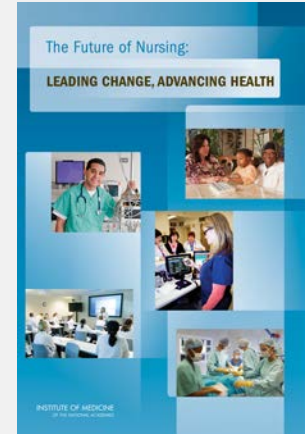
- Home Health Resource pages at:

<https://www.npamonline.org/page/MarylandNPsWaiverfor>



# March 25 Federal CARES Act

- Removes a major barrier to APRN care – see page 128 of the Future of Nursing report
- Permanently authorizes NPs, CNSs, and PAs to certify home health care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries
- IF allowed by state law (about a dozen states do not allow this in regulation or statute)



# More Information and Contact

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM11330.pdf>

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