

~~(3)~~ (3) "NURSE PRACTITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM DUTIES ARE DELEGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER §22-61 291(B) OF ARTICLE 43 OF THIS CODE.

~~(3)~~ (4) "PRIMARY CARE" MEANS THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF MEDICINE: FAMILY PRACTICE, GENERAL PRACTICE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, OB/GYN, PEDIATRICS GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE, AND GENERAL PEDIATRICS.

~~(4)~~ (5) "ACCREDITED PROGRAM IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING" MEANS A PROGRAM WHICH:

(I) IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMA OR ANA;

(II) PRODUCES GRADUATES ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFYING EXAMINATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; OR, IN THE CASE OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS, ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE PRIMARY CARE IN ADULT AND FAMILY NURSING PRACTICE CERTIFYING EXAM OR SUCH OTHER EXAMINATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF NURSING EXAMINERS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF §§290 THROUGH 302 OF THIS CODE;

(III) IS PART OF, OR HAS A FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH, A MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER; AND

(IV) FOCUSES ON DEVELOPING PRIMARY CARE SKILLS AND INCLUDES SUBSTANTIAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN PRIMARY CARE AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (B) (2) OF THIS ACT. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS IN DISCIPLINES OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH COMPRISE PRIMARY CARE AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (B) (2).

~~(5)~~ (6) "MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER" MEANS AN INSTITUTION, INCLUDING UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTERS AND COMMUNITY HOSPITALS, WHOSE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE THE EDUCATION OF MEDICAL AND ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT THESE CENTERS MUST HAVE EITHER RESIDENCY PROGRAMS OR FULL DEPARTMENTS, OR A COMBINATION THEREOF, IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE PRIMARY CARE AREAS AS DEFINED IN SECTION (B) (2) OF THIS ACT.

~~(6)~~ "FULL-TIME STUDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUING A FULL-TIME COURSE OF STUDY LEADING TO CREDENTIALS AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN PRIMARY CARE.

(7) "PROGRAM" MEANS MARYLAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAM.

(C) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONS WITH ACCREDITED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN PRIMARY CARE WITHIN MARYLAND. IT