

**CPR Comment on *The Baltimore Sun* blog**

**Jay Hancock's Economic Navigation and Sightseeing: "Maryland Should Make Nurse Practitioners Independent" (4/14/10)**

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Nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals who are not doctors of medicine (MDs) or osteopathy (DOs), are critical to meeting the growing needs of patients and, time and time again, research has substantiated the quality of care these professionals provide. As coverage expands under health care reform, access to care providers will diminish unless our policymakers advocate for regulations that promote quality and patient choice. Physician professional societies need to stop wasting valuable resources pressuring lawmakers to restrict the care that these highly-trained professionals provide, and do more to promote a collaborative environment that serves the interests of patients. For more information, you can visit the Coalition for Patients' Rights' Web site at: [www.patientsrightscoalition.org](http://www.patientsrightscoalition.org).

To read the original blog posting:

[http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/business/hancock/blog/2010/04/md\\_should\\_make\\_nurse\\_practitioner.html](http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/business/hancock/blog/2010/04/md_should_make_nurse_practitioner.html)