

Maryland Office of People's Counsel
ALERT
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FORMS
Addition of Certified Nurse Practitioners
(Revision of COMAR 20.31.03.01 and .03)

Effective June 8, 2015, Certified Nurse Practitioners are able to sign PSC-approved medical certification forms to support temporary delays in utility service terminations.

The revised PSC Medical Certification Form is now available on the websites of the Public Service Commission and the Office of People's Counsel, and as part of OPC's Resource Guides.

http://www.psc.state.md.us/wp-content/uploads/physiciancertificationform_psc8013.pdf

NEW on Med Cert Form: Page 2 of the Form allows a customer to give permission to a utility to release contact information to a government emergency responder in the event of a weather-related emergency. The contact information can only be used for the purpose of verifying the customer's well-being and possibly to provide assistance in the event of an emergency. The consent does not give utility service restoration priority to the customer.

Pending OPC Request to the Commission. The Office of People's Counsel has submitted comments supporting the addition of "physician assistants" to the list of medical professionals who are permitted to sign the medical certification forms. The Maryland Academy of Physicians' Assistants also submitted comments in support of adding PAs to the list. OPC will issue an alert if the PSC takes further action on this request.

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