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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 280 (Delegates Goldwater and Gordon)

Economic Matters

**Health Insurance - Reimbursements to Health Care Practitioners -
Costs of Oncology Drugs**

This bill repeals current law that prohibits insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and HMOs (carriers) from reimbursing health care practitioners in an amount less than the health care practitioner's cost for oncology drugs.

This bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Costs to health care practitioners may increase if carriers reduce their reimbursements for oncology drugs.

Information Source(s): CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Care Access and Cost Commission, Medicaid, Community Public Health Administration); Department of Budget and Management (Employee Benefits Division); PCS HealthSystems, Inc.; Department of Legislative Services

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