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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 668 (Delegate Goldwater. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Health Insurance - Claims for Reimbursement - Uniform Claims Remittance Form

This bill requires the Insurance Commissioner to adopt a uniform claims remittance form. A health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or HMO (carrier) must use the uniform claims remittance form to pay all health care provider claims. The claims remittance form must include the date on which a carrier received the claim from the health care provider.

In addition, the bill repeals the provision that prompt payment of claims requirements do not apply when there is a good faith dispute about the legitimacy of a claim or the appropriate amount of reimbursement.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The development of a uniform claims remittance form could be handled with existing Maryland Insurance Administration resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Carriers must adhere to prompt payment of claims provisions in current law unless there is a good faith dispute about the legitimacy of the claim or the reimbursement amount. There is no requirement for a uniform claims remittance form.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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