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Senate Bill 896
 Finance

(Senator Guzzone)

Health and Government Operations

Maryland Health Care Commission – Health Record and Payment Integration
 Program Advisory Committee

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to establish a Health Record and Payment Integration Program Advisory Committee. By November 1, 2019, MHCC must submit specified findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. If the advisory committee recommends creation of a health record and payment integration program, the report must include (1) recommendations regarding statutory language to establish and maintain the program and (2) an estimate of the funding required to support the program. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018, and terminates June 30, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MHCC special fund expenditures increase by \$150,000 in FY 2019 and \$50,000 in FY 2020. To the extent permitted under the commission’s user fee cap, MHCC special fund revenues increase as necessary to cover the additional costs.

(in dollars)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
SF Revenue	-	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	\$150,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	(\$150,000)	(\$50,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The advisory committee must study (1) the feasibility of creating a health record and payment integration program; (2) approaches for accelerating the adjudication of clean claims; and (3) any other issue that MHCC considers appropriate to study to further health and payment record integration.

Current Law/Background: MHCC designated the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP) as the statewide health information exchange (HIE) in 2009, and the infrastructure became operational in 2010. An HIE allows clinical information to move electronically among disparate health information systems. CRISP offers tools aimed at improving the facilitation of care for the region's health care providers. The health record and payment clearinghouse proposed under the bill would include additional consumer-oriented functions.

According to MHCC, as of 2017, 36 clearinghouses in Maryland used similar technology standards, but they have been used by separate customer bases and have not interacted.

State Fiscal Effect: MHCC special fund expenditures increase by an estimated \$150,000 in fiscal 2019 and \$50,000 in fiscal 2020. This estimate reflects the cost to contract with a consultant to assist the advisory committee with (1) technical feasibility testing and modeling of a health record and payment integration program and (2) developing and drafting the report to the Governor and the General Assembly, which must be submitted by November 1, 2019.

As MHCC is special funded, MHCC special fund revenues increase, as necessary and to the extent permitted under the commission's user fee cap, to cover additional expenditures.

Additional Information

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