

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 993 (Delegate Bonsack, et al.)  
Economic Matters

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**Health Benefit Plans - Prohibitions**

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The bill prohibits health insurers or health maintenance organizations (HMOs) from restricting the ability of health care providers to discuss with a patient information about the patient's condition or potential treatment.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Information Source(s):** Insurance Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Care Access and Cost Commission)

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