

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 274 (Senator Young)
Finance

**Health Maintenance Organizations - Medical Treatment Benefits, Risks, and Costs -
Information to Members**

This bill requires that enrollees of health maintenance organizations (HMOs) who receive diagnostic evaluation or treatment by an HMO physician receive information from the physician concerning medical treatment benefits, risks, and costs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Revenues: The bill provides that the Insurance Administration may impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation or apply to any court for legal or equitable relief. Accordingly, general fund revenues could increase depending on the number and amount of fines imposed. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal.

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