

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 338 (Delegate Donoghue, et al.)  
Economic Matters

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**Utilization Review of Hospital Services - Minimum Length of Stay -  
Cesarean Section**

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This bill provides that the standards used by a private review agent or health maintenance organization (HMO) in performing utilization review with regard to length of hospital stay for maternity and newborn care services following a cesarean section must be in accordance with the medical criteria in the "Guidelines for Perinatal Care." A private review agent or HMO is prohibited from authorizing a shorter hospital length of stay based on the newborn's health status or by authorizing home visits.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** None.

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