

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 59 (Senator Munson)
Finance

Referred to Environmental Matters

Hospitals - Requirements - Mammography Educational Materials

This enrolled bill requires hospitals to offer mammography educational materials (when medically appropriate) to female inpatients to whom a Pap smear is offered for detection of cervical cancer. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must select and approve, or develop and print, mammography educational materials. The Insurance Commissioner must report to the General Assembly by October 1, 1998 on the change in the total number of mammography screenings reported as part of the evaluation of mandated health benefits required by the Insurance Code.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Assuming that DHMH chooses to use existing educational materials, the bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources. Should DHMH choose to develop and print its own educational materials, expenditures could increase by up to \$100,000 annually. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Background: Maryland continues to have one of the highest cancer death rates in the U.S., although recent data has shown an improvement in Maryland relative to the national average. Mammography screening has been a mandated health benefit in Maryland since 1991 and two statewide breast cancer screening programs have been available for low income, uninsured/underinsured women.

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Hygiene (Local and Family Health Administration), Insurance Administration

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