

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1468 (Delegate Workman)
Appropriations

**State Personnel - Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Mental Health and
Substance Abuse Benefits**

This bill requires the Department of Budget and Management to ensure that in the event of a change in the administrator of the State employee mental health and substance abuse plan, the successor plan administrator must make the same categories of health care providers available to covered individuals as in the previous plan.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate effect on expenditures for the State employee health benefit plan. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. The bill continues provider participation in the State employee mental health and substance abuse plans for some providers who may not have been on the successor administrator's provider panel.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: To comply with the bill's requirement, the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the State employee mental health and substance abuse plan would require the same categories of health care providers as that offered by the previous plan administrator. However, vendors intending to bid on a new State contract may not cover certain categories of health care providers previously covered by the past plan administrator. It is uncertain to what extent compliance with the bill's requirement would affect the vendor's bid, and consequently, the cost to the State employee health benefit plan.

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