

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 479 (Senator Bromwell)
Finance

Referred to Environmental Matters

Practice Parameters and Guidelines

This amended bill establishes a 12-member Task Force on Guidelines and Practice Parameters to study the need for State regulation and the medical impact on consumers of guidelines and practice parameters that shorten or eliminate inpatient hospitalization stays. The task force must submit a report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 1998. Members of the task force serve without compensation.

The bill takes effect June 1, 1997

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources. Revenues would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill does not directly impact small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: It is assumed that task force members would be eligible for expense reimbursements according to the standard State travel regulations. Expense reimbursements would depend upon the time, location, and frequency of the task force's meetings. Reimbursements for the two legislators could be handled with existing budgeted resources of the General Assembly. Reimbursements for the non-governmental members could be handled within the Executive Department's existing resources.

The Health Care Access and Cost Commission would be able to provide staff support for the

task force with existing resources.

Information Source(s): Insurance Administration; Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Health Care Access and Cost Commission, Board of Physician Quality Assurance); Department of Budget and Management; Department of Fiscal Services

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