

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 421 (Delegates Goldwater and Kopp)  
Environmental Matters

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**End Stage Renal Disease Program - Outpatient Facilities - Patient Referrals**

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This amended bill allows a health care practitioner who is treating a patient with End Stage Renal Disease, as defined by the federal Medicare program, to refer the patient to an outpatient dialysis facility, regardless of the practitioner's interest in or arrangements with the facility.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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