

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 654 (Senator Hollinger)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Practice of Medicine - Definition

This bill expands the definition of “practice medicine” to include supervising, directing, or otherwise being responsible for administering the delivery of medical services, such as: (1) establishing, promulgating, or enforcing protocols or procedures for the delivery of medical services; or (2) making a determination concerning the medical appropriateness or medical necessity of health care.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Because medical directors generally are licensed physicians, only a few disciplinary actions by the Board of Physician Quality Assurance are anticipated as a result of this bill. Any increase in expenditures is small enough that it can be absorbed within the board’s existing budget. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Health and Mental Hygiene (Board of Physician Quality Assurance), Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Legislative Services

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