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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1216 (Delegate Busch)

Economic Matters

**Health Insurance - Assignment, Transfer, or Subcontracting of Health Care
Providers' Contracts**

This bill amends current law to prohibit an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, HMO, or dental plan organization (carrier) from terminating or otherwise impairing a health care provider's contract or employment because the health care provider refuses to agree to an assignment, transfer, or subcontract of the health care provider's contract to an insurer that offers personal injury protection coverage. Current law expressly prohibits a carrier from taking any punitive contractual or employment action against a health care provider who refuses assignment, but does not expressly state that these practices are prohibited only in cases where the health care provider refuses assignment to an insurer that offers personal injury protection coverage.

This bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill clarifies current law.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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