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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 579 (Delegate Busch)

Economic Matters

Health Insurance - Uniform Claims Form

This bill alters the current requirement that a hospital or health care provider submit to carriers all claims information on a universal claims form. It allows a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or HMO (carrier) to require a hospital or health care provider to submit simultaneously with the uniform claims form: (1) any medical information related to the screening, diagnosis, treatment, and services rendered to the carrier's enrollee for claims regarding emergency services; (2) an itemized bill; and (3) any additional information that relates to services rendered to the enrollee, as approved by the Insurance Commissioner.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's requirements would not directly affect governmental finances or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Health care providers would be required to submit more paperwork to carriers, and may incur additional administrative costs.

Analysis

Current Law: Hospitals must submit all claims information to carriers on the uniform

claims form adopted by the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) and approved by the federal Health Care Financing Administration. Health care providers must submit all claims information to carriers on the uniform claims form adopted by the MIA.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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