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## FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 511            (Senators Roesser and Teitelbaum)

Finance                                               Economic Matters

## Health Insurance - Requirements for Providers to Serve on Provider Panels - Dental Plans

This bill prohibits a health insurance carrier that offers dental plans from requiring a dental provider, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve on another of the carrier's health benefit plan provider panels. A carrier that offers health care services as a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) may require dental providers to serve on their MCO provider panel.

## Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any additional dental provider contracts reviewed by the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. Small business dental providers would not be required to serve on additional provider panels as a condition of participation with a carrier.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** A health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or HMO (carrier) that contracts with health care providers through one or more provider panels is prohibited from requiring a provider, as a condition of participation or continuation on a provider panel, to serve on another of the carrier's health benefit plan provider panels. A carrier that offers health care services as a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) may

require providers to serve on their MCO provider panel.  A carrier that offers a dental plan is not prohibited from requiring these types of provider panel arrangements.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:**  None.

**Cross File:**  None.

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