

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 750

(Delegate Hubbard)

Environmental Matters

**Medical Assistance Program - Waivers - Notice of Applications and
Modifications**

This bill provides that if the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) applies for a Medicaid waiver or modifies or amends an existing Medicaid waiver, DHMH must give notice of the application by publication in the Maryland Register. For 30 days following publication, DHMH must make the waiver application available to the public during business hours and provide an opportunity to receive public comments on the waiver application.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Publishing notice of waiver applications could be handled with existing DHMH budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DHMH must apply to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to materially change the Medicaid program. Depending on the type of change or addition to the Medicaid program, DHMH must submit an amendment, a waiver, or an amendment to an existing waiver. DHMH is not required to publish notice of: (1) an amendment application for the State's Medicaid program; (2) a waiver

application for the Medicaid program; or (3) an amendment to an existing waiver for the Medicaid program.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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