

**Department of Legislative Services**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1312

(Delegate Klausmeier)

Environmental Matters

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**Health - Managed Care Organizations - Credentialing**

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This bill permits a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) to temporarily credential a health care provider in certain circumstances.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. The bill permits currently credentialed health care providers to participate on an MCO's provider panel more quickly.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** An MCO may deem a health care provider credentialed for a period of up to six months from the date of application if the health care provider has been credentialed by another entity in the State that is required to credential providers and has submitted an application to participate in the MCO's provider panel. The MCO must verify that the health care provider was credentialed and remains in good standing with at least one entity that previously credentialed the provider.

**Current Law:** A health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, HMO, and dental plan organization (carrier) must use a uniform credentialing form for credentialing a health care provider for participation on a provider panel. A hospital must credential a health care provider to grant staff privileges at the hospital, but is not required to use a particular

form. An MCO must credential health care providers for participation on its provider panel.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 820 (Senator Dorman) – Finance.

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