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House Bill 1059

(Delegate Zirkin)

Environmental Matters

Task Force on Medicaid Disease Management Programs

This bill establishes a 15-member task force on Medicaid Disease Management Programs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must study the feasibility of operating a Medicaid Disease Management Program that includes: (1) processes to identify appropriate program populations; (2) evidence-based practice guidelines; (3) cooperative case management models that include physician and support service providers; (4) patient self-management education programs, including primary prevention, behavior, and compliance and surveillance programs; (5) methods for measuring program processes and outcomes in standardized and objective ways; and (6) routine reporting or feedback systems that include communication between the patient, physician, and ancillary providers, and practice profiling.

The task force must study disease management programs implemented by other states, and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a program, including the cost effectiveness and difficulty of implementation, the ability to measure outcomes, the likely impact on patient care, and the patient populations that would most benefit from the program. The task force must submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2003.

Current Law: There is no task force on disease management programs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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