

Analysis

Current Law: A carrier must provide coverage for patient costs incurred as a result of treatment provided in a clinical trial for: (1) a life-threatening condition; or (2) prevention, early detection, and treatment studies on cancer. The Insurance Commissioner must compile an annual summary report of clinical trial information received from carriers and report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

Background: In 2001 MIA underwent an evaluation performed by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) in accordance with the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset review). In its report, DLS recommended that MIA study all current reporting requirements and report to the Senate Finance and House Economic Matters committees by October 1, 2002 on its recommendations for consolidating necessary report elements into the annual report requirements and eliminating unnecessary reports.

In 2001 the Insurance Commissioner indicated that carriers are unable to identify clinical trial information for several reasons, including that claims for services rendered as part of a clinical trial do not appear on claim forms. Because the data necessary to compile a report are difficult to obtain, MIA is requesting that this reporting requirement be eliminated.

Additional Information

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