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House Bill 270

(Delegates Bromwell and Haynes)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Private Review Agents - Treatment Plan Form - Form Mandated by Another State

This bill makes an exception to the mandatory use of the uniform treatment plan by a private review agent (PRA) when conducting utilization review of mental illness, emotional disorder, or substance abuse disorder treatment provided to a patient. If a health care service was provided in another state, a PRA must accept a treatment plan form mandated by the state in which the service was provided.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional complaints from health care providers could be handled with existing Maryland Insurance Administration resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: If a PRA requests a health care provider to submit a treatment plan so that the PRA may conduct utilization review of a proposed or delivered treatment for mental health or substance abuse, the PRA must accept the uniform treatment plan form adopted by the Insurance Commissioner as a properly submitted treatment plan form. A PRA may not require modification of the uniform treatment plan form or its content, or require the health care provider to submit additional treatment plan forms.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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