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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 158  
Finance

(Senator Kelley)

Health and Government Operations

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

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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.

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**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.

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**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.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 270 (Delegates Bromwell and Haynes) – Health and Government Operations.

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