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House Bill 171 (Delegate Hubbard)
 Health and Government Operations

**Maryland Health Care Commission - Chronic Care Management and Wellness
 Promotion - Study**

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), to conduct a study of chronic care management and wellness promotion as strategies for improving health care delivery and reducing overall health care costs. MHCC is required to report on the study by November 1, 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MHCC special fund expenditures could increase by \$35,000 in FY 2008 to procure a contractor for the study.

(in dollars)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	35,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$35,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: () = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The study required under the bill must include:

- an estimate of the number of Marylanders who suffer from a chronic condition, such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, asthma, arthritis, and depression;
- an estimate of the cost of caring for these conditions, particularly the cost to the Medicaid and State employee and retiree health and welfare benefit programs;
- a discussion of chronic care management models;
- a discussion of wellness promotion models;
- a discussion of the use of information technology and performance measurement in chronic care management and wellness promotion;
- a discussion of financial incentives for maintaining wellness and managing chronic conditions; and
- recommendations for chronic care management and wellness promotion strategies.

State Fiscal Effect: MHCC special fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$35,000 in fiscal 2008, which accounts for the bill's June 1, 2007 effective date to hire a contractor for the collection and analysis of data to complete the required report.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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