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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1169 (Delegate Rudolph)
 Health and Government Operations

Health Programs - Diabetes - The Maryland P3 Program

This bill codifies and makes statewide the Maryland P3 (Patients, Pharmacists, Partnerships) Program in the Center for Drugs and Public Policy in the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Pharmacy. In fiscal 2009 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Governor must provide a grant of at least \$125,000 to the program.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$125,000 annually beginning in FY 2009 to provide the grant required under the bill. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$125,000)	(\$125,000)	(\$125,000)	(\$125,000)

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The General Assembly provided \$50,000 in the fiscal 2007 budget to support the educational programs provided by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy for the Maryland P3 Diabetes Management Project in Allegany County. The pilot began in August 2006 and uses pharmacists as coaches to assist patients in

managing their diabetes. In fiscal 2007, the program has a total budget of \$125,000 and has enrolled 124 patients to date. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2008 budget does not include funding for the program.

The program is modeled after a pilot program in Asheville, North Carolina. According to the university, in its first year, the Asheville Project decreased average health care costs of enrollees by \$2,000 per patient and reduced hospital visits and employee sick days by 50%. The university reports that the P3 program is already showing clinical benefits for patients and savings similar to the Asheville Project are anticipated.

State Fiscal Effect: State general fund expenditures would increase by \$125,000 beginning in fiscal 2009 to provide a grant to the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. According to the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Pharmacy, the program would have to hire one pharmacist to serve as a clinical coordinator and expand the existing program to at least two additional sites, one in Harford County and one on the Eastern Shore. Funds would also be used for reimbursing participating faculty, travel expenses, office equipment, and medical supplies for training. The School of Pharmacy also indicates that, to the extent resources are available, they will expand the program beyond diabetes to also include asthma, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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