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House Bill 1395 (Delegate Tarrant, *et al.*)

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Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council - Chronic Care Management Plan

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council to study chronic care management and develop a specified chronic care management plan to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of care for individuals who have or are at risk for a chronic disease.

In developing the plan, DHMH and the council must consult with specified stakeholders. The council is authorized to accept funds from any source to cover costs associated with the study and plan. By December 1, 2009, DHMH and the council must submit the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008 and terminates May 31, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: As the council is already charged with developing a chronic care management plan, the bill's requirements could likely be handled with existing budgeted resources. To the extent additional resources are required, it is assumed they would be covered by grants and donations, which the council is authorized to receive for this purpose.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council was established by executive order in October 2007 to coordinate best practices of the private and public sector to improve health care in the State. The council, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor must • coordinate and facilitate collaboration on health care quality improvement and cost containment initiatives; • make recommendations on health care quality and cost containment initiatives and priorities; • develop a chronic care management plan to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of care for individuals with, or at risk for, chronic disease; • facilitate the integration of health information technology in health care systems; and • examine and make recommendations regarding other issues relating generally to the council's mission to improve health care quality and reduce costs in the State.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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