

HOUSE BILL 292

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By: **Delegate Morhaim**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2010

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance – Uniform Consultation Referral Form – Electronic**
3 **Transmission**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a health care provider to transmit the uniform
5 consultation referral form electronically; and generally relating to the uniform
6 consultation referral form.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Insurance
9 Section 15–119
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Insurance**

15 15–119.

16 (a) This section applies to insurers and nonprofit health service plans that
17 issue or deliver individual, group, or blanket health insurance policies in the State.

18 (b) An entity subject to this section that requires insureds to have a written
19 referral to receive consultation services shall use the uniform consultation referral
20 form adopted by the Commissioner under § 15–120 of this subtitle as the sole
21 instrument for referrals for consultation services.

22 (c) An entity subject to this section may not impose as a condition of
23 coverage a requirement to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (1) modify the uniform consultation referral form; or

2 (2) submit additional consultation referral forms.

3 (d) The uniform consultation referral form:

4 **(1)** shall be properly completed by the health care provider that refers
5 the insured for consultation services; **AND**

6 **(2)** **MAY BE TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2010.