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House Bill 292

(Delegate Morhaim, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

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**Health Insurance - Uniform Consultation Referral Form - Electronic
Transmission**

This bill authorizes a health care provider to electronically transmit a uniform consultation form required by an insurer or nonprofit health service plan. The Insurance Commissioner must, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission, adopt by regulation standards for the electronic transmission of data elements contained in the form.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Regulation development can be handled with existing governmental resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Insurers and nonprofit health service plans that require insureds to have a written referral to receive consultation services must use only the uniform consultation referral form adopted by the Insurance Commissioner.

Insurers and nonprofit health service plans are prohibited from imposing, as a condition of coverage, a requirement to modify the form or submit additional forms. The form must be properly completed by the health care provider that refers the insured for consultation services.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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