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Senate Bill 665

(Senators Klausmeier and Astle)

Finance

Health Insurance - Dental Provider Contracts - Prohibited Provision

This bill prohibits a carrier, in a dental provider contract, from requiring a dental provider to provide services at a fee set by the carrier if the services will not be covered by the carrier.

The bill applies to all dental provider contracts issued, renewed, or amended on or after October 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in special fund revenues for the Maryland Insurance Administration in FY 2011 from the \$125 rate and form filing fee. Review and approval of forms and rate filings can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: State law does not specifically prohibit carriers from setting rates for dental services that are not covered services. Apparently, some carriers are setting rates in provider contracts for services that require enrollees to pay up to 100% of the costs. The bill would prohibit carriers from setting the fees for services paid for by enrollees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1026 (Delegates Bromwell and Kach) – Health and Government Operations.

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