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House Bill 1310

(Delegate Ghrist, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Credentialing Practices

This bill prohibits a carrier from imposing a limit on the number of behavioral health providers at a health care facility that may be credentialed to participate on a provider panel. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: No likely effect in FY 2018. Minimal increase in special fund revenues for the Maryland Insurance Administration from the \$125 rate and form filing fee in FY 2019. Review of forms can likely be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Local government finances and operations are not directly affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A provider seeking to participate on a carrier's provider panel must submit an application to the carrier. Within 30 days after receipt of a completed application, a carrier must send the provider a written notice of the carrier's intent to continue to process the provider's application or the carrier's rejection of the provider for participation on the carrier's provider panel. If a carrier provides notice to the provider of its intent to continue to process the provider's application, the carrier must, within 120 days after the date the notice is provided, accept or reject the provider for participation and send written notice of the acceptance or rejection to the provider.

Small Business Effect: Small business health care providers benefit as an unlimited number of behavioral health providers at the same health care facility may participate on a carrier's provider panel.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1101 (Senator Eckardt) - Finance.

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