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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Bill Status: Senate Health & Human Services
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BILL TOPIC: MEDICAID RECIPIENT ACCESS TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Summary of Legislation

Currently Medicaid recipients are not responsible for any remaining costs after payment by Medicaid, Medicare or a private insurer if the services are eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid. This limitation applies regardless of whether or not the provider is enrolled as a Medicaid provider. Under this bill, Medicaid recipients are not responsible for any remaining costs, only if the services are rendered by a Medicaid provider. Correspondingly, a Medicaid recipient may elect under the bill to receive and pay for services from a medical provider that is not enrolled in Medicaid.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no impact. This bill allows a Medicaid recipient to receive and pay for medical services from a medical provider that is not enrolled in Medicaid. The billing and payment of services is conducted between the client and the provider and does not impact any state agency. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) enrolls Medicaid providers in the Medicaid program according to federal regulations and maintains a list of providers. Medicaid recipients can access this list through the HCPF website or by contacting HCPF. The process by which HCPF enrolls providers and maintains the list of providers will not change under this bill. For these reasons this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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Information Technology

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