



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

PRINTERS NO. 1820

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 125, Printer's Number 1820, establishes the Health Care Practitioner Credentialing Act. This legislation is effective in 180 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires that all health insurers in the Commonwealth accept the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare's (CAQH) credentialing application or another nationally recognized form designated by the Insurance Department when submitted by a health care practitioner for participation in the health insurer's provider panel. A health care practitioner's application is deemed 'complete' if the application was submitted through the CAQH electronic process and all required information is provided to the health insurer by the health care practitioner. The health insurer must issue a credentialing application within 45 days after receiving a complete credentialing application.

The Insurance Department shall assess an administrative penalty on a health insurer for failure to use the CAQH or other designated form, or for intentionally and routinely failing to complete the credentialing process within 45 days. No health insurer is subject to the administrative penalty based on a health care practitioner's failure to use or complete a CAQH or other designated credentialing application. The Insurance Department must promulgate rules and regulations to administer and enforce the provisions of this legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.