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An Act To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Malaby of Hancock

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Change in Treatment Requires Cost Neutrality

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to apply by January 1, 2018 for authorization from the United States DHHS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The project may last no longer than 2 years and must be reimbursable as allowed under the federal Medicaid system. It is also required that the pilot project be cost neutral or result in savings. To achieve cost neutrality the pilot project would serve individuals who would have been served by treatment methods other than acupuncture and not increase the total number of individuals provided treatment.