

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1884

PRINTER NO. 4107

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 25, 2017

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative M. Quinn

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1884 creates the freestanding Patient Test Result Information Act.

This bill applies to diagnostic imaging services which are performed on an outpatient basis and requires that the imaging service entity directly notify the patient or his/her designee if there is a finding of an abnormality or anomaly which requires follow-up care within three months. This legislation does not apply to routine obstetric ultrasounds; tests performed on a patient who is being treated on an inpatient basis; or diagnostic radiographs, more commonly referred to as x-rays.

Results may be provided by mail, electronically (either through email or an automatic alert from an electronic medical record system), by fax, or directly to the patient at the time of service as long as the patient acknowledges the receipt of the results and signs the patient's medical record accordingly. If the test results are provided to the patient at the time of service, no other methods of transmittal are required by the imaging service entity.

The entity must provide notice to the patient or the patient's designee no sooner than 7 days and no later than 20 days after the date the results were sent to the ordering health care practitioner and must include the following information:

- Name of the ordering health care practitioner;
- Date the test was performed;
- Date the results were sent to the ordering health care practitioner;
- Summary or complete results of the imaging service;
- Any additional information deemed necessary by the entity to help the patient understand the results of the imaging service; and,
- A statement that the patient is receiving the notice due to an abnormal finding on the diagnostic imaging service and encouraging the patient to contact his/her health care practitioner with any questions.

The Department of Health (DOH) is required to conduct compliance reviews as part of the inspection performed by DOH or an accrediting organization, to establish a complaint procedure and to investigate complaints relating to the bill

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1884 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The bill requires the Department of Health to conduct compliance reviews, which can be accomplished within existing staffing levels and funding provided to the department.