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(F) IF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZES, DIRECTS, REFERS, OR OTHERWISE ALLOWS A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER TO ACCESS A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY OR OTHER URGENT CARE FACILITY FOR A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT REQUIRES EMERGENCY SURGERY, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION:

(1) SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHYSICIAN, ORAL SURGEON, PERIODONTIST, OR PODIATRIST, WHO PERFORMED THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE, FOR FOLLOW-UP CARE THAT IS:

(I) MEDICALLY NECESSARY;

(II) DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CONDITION FOR WHICH THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE WAS PERFORMED; AND

(III) PROVIDED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBER'S OR SUBSCRIBER'S PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN; AND

(2) MAY NOT IMPOSE ON THE MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER ANY CO-PAYMENT OR OTHER COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT FOR ANY FOLLOW-UP CARE THAT EXCEEDS WHAT A MEMBER OR SUBSCRIBER IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY A PHYSICIAN, ORAL SURGEON, PERIODONTIST, OR PODIATRIST WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE PROVIDER PANEL OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 1999. Any policy or health benefit plan in effect before October 1, 1999, shall comply with the provisions of this Act no later than October 1, 2000.~~

SECTION 2. ~~3.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 477.

This bill allows Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on personal property owned by the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center, Inc.

House Bill 155, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May