

(2) federal funds, general funds, and private resources may be used to meet the funding specified in this section.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the ~~Coordinating Council~~ Governor's Office for Children shall report to the General Assembly on or before December 31 of each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation and effectiveness of at-risk youth ~~delinquency~~ prevention and diversion programs.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 897 – *Health Insurance – Contracts of Carriers with Providers, Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, or Hospitals – Prohibited Provisions*.

This bill prohibits carriers from including in contracts with providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, or hospitals specified terms or conditions relating to reimbursement rates and reimbursement arrangements; and makes a violation of the Act an unfair and deceptive practice for purposes of insurance.

Senate Bill 1086, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 897.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 897

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Contracts of Carriers with Providers, Ambulatory Surgical Facilities, or Hospitals – Prohibited Provisions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting carriers from including in contracts with providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, or hospitals certain terms or conditions relating to reimbursement rates and reimbursement arrangements; making a violation of this Act an unfair and deceptive practice for purposes of insurance; and generally relating to contracts of carriers with providers, ambulatory surgical facilities, and hospitals under health insurance.