

HAS REACHED BUDGETED CAPACITY HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE JUVENILE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 651.

This bill requires health insurers to provide benefits for outpatient treatment of mental illness at a rate of not less than 65% for the first 20 visits per year and not less than 50% for additional visits in the same year.

Senate Bill 12, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 651.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 651

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Mental Illness

FOR the purpose of providing--that--certain--health--insurance policies--are--required--to--provide--benefits--for--other--than inpatient--treatment--of--acute--mental--illnesses--and--emotional disorders--that--are--equivalent--to--the--benefits--provided--for other--types--of--illnesses;--instead--of--at--a--rate--which--is--not less--than--50--percent--of--those--benefits--at--one--rate--up--to--a certain--number--of--visits;--and--another--rate--for--the--remaining visits;--making--this--Act--contingent--on--the--Secretary--of Health--and--Mental--Hygiene--and--the--Secretary--of--Public--Safety and--Correctional--Services--adopting--certain--regulations regarding--the--delivery--of--emergency--mental--health--services; and--generally--relating--to--mental--illness;--and--providing--a