

May 27, 1993

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
 Speaker of the House of Delegates
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1203.

This bill would define the term "emergency services" as it applies to the benefits that health maintenance organizations (HMOs) provide to their enrollees, and would require HMOs to develop and provide information to enrollees informing them of the procedures to be followed for emergency services.

Senate Bill 701, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1993, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1203.

Sincerely,
 William Donald Schaefer
 Governor

House Bill No. 1203

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations - Emergency Services

FOR the purpose of requiring health maintenance organizations to develop and provide certain specific information on the procedures to be followed for emergency services to all subscribers and enrollees of the health maintenance organizations; authorizing a hospital emergency facility or health care provider to collect or attempt to collect payment from a subscriber or enrollee for health care services provided for a condition that is determined not to be an emergency under certain circumstances; clarifying legislative intent; defining a certain term; and generally relating to health maintenance organizations and the provision of emergency services.

BY renumbering

Article - Health - General

Section 19-701(d), (e), (f), (g), and (h), respectively
 to be Section 19-701(e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General