

(4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of issuance of the bonds.

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services of Montgomery County shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of an applicant's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services of Montgomery County has until June 1, 1997, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1995.

May 24, 1995

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 351.

This bill prohibits health maintenance organization contracts that provide coverage for drugs from excluding "off-label use of drugs" (drugs prescribed for treatments other than those stated in labeling approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration) if the drug is recognized for treatment of a particular indication in the standard medical references.

Senate Bill 310, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 9, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 351.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor