

(b) (1) If an employer, association, or other private group arrangement offers health benefit plan coverage to employees or individuals only through a health maintenance organization, the health maintenance organization with which the employer, association, or other private group arrangement is contracting for the coverage shall offer, or contract with another carrier to offer, a point-of-service option to the employer, association, or other private group arrangement in conjunction with the health maintenance organization as an additional benefit for an employee or individual, at the employee's or individual's option, to accept or reject.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

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 436.

This bill alters provisions in existing law relating to the issuance of permits by the State Board of Pharmacy to distribute dialysis drugs and devices to the homes of dialysis patients.

House Bill 1009, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 436.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 436

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy – Issuance of Permits – Dialysis Drugs and Devices

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of permits by the State Board of Pharmacy to distribute dialysis drugs and devices to the homes of dialysis patients and the distribution of dialysis drugs and devices to certain individuals; altering certain definitions; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the issuance of permits by the State Board of Pharmacy to distribute dialysis drugs and devices to the homes of dialysis patients.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations