May 27, 1999

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
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 346.

This bill defines "improper coding," as it relates to the retroactive denial of reimbursement.

Senate Bill 250, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 346.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 346

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Retroactive Denial of Reimbursement – Improper Coding

FOR the purpose of ~~defining what constitutes improper coding for the purposes of~~ _clarifying the circumstances under which_ the limitation of retroactive denial of reimbursement _is effective_; providing for the application of this Act; _providing for a delayed effective date; defining certain terms;_ and generally relating to retroactive denial of reimbursement.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Insurance
    Section 15–1008
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Insurance

15–1008.

(a)   (1)   In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2)   "Carrier" means: