

THE CODING GUIDELINES USED BY THE CARRIER AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE THE SERVICES SUBJECT TO THE RETROACTIVE DENIAL WERE RENDERED.

(2) INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO A CARRIER MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE IMPROPERLY CODED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE CARRIER BY THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

(I) USES CODES THAT DO NOT CONFORM WITH THE CODING GUIDELINES USED BY THE CARRIER APPLICABLE AS OF THE DATE THE SERVICE OR SERVICES WERE RENDERED; OR

(II) DOES NOT OTHERWISE CONFORM WITH THE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO THE CARRIER APPLICABLE AS OF THE DATE THE SERVICE OR SERVICES WERE RENDERED.

(e) If a carrier retroactively denies reimbursement for services as a result of coordination of benefits under provisions of subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the health care provider shall have 6 months from the date of denial, unless a carrier permits a longer time period, to submit a claim for reimbursement for the service to the carrier, Maryland Medical Assistance Program, or Medicare Program responsible for payment.

SECTION 2. AND IT BE FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to a retroactive denial based on improper coding issued on or after ~~October 1, 1999~~ January 1, 2000, regardless of the date of the service subject to the retroactive denial.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 1999~~ January 1, 2000.

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 359.

This bill alters the requirements for a certain disclosure statement furnished by a continuing care provider. It also requires a provider to annually furnish the revised disclosure statement to each subscriber and ensures that each subscriber initials the revised disclosure statement.

Senate Bill 145, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 359.

Sincerely,