

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 190 – Health Insurance – Private Review Agents.

This bill reorganizes the private review agent subtitle to better clarifying the duties of private review agents, including providing that if a health insurance carrier delegates its internal grievance process to a private review agent, the private review agent must establish the same internal grievance process required of carriers.

House Bill 412, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 190.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 190

AN ACT concerning

#### Health Insurance – Private Review Agents

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law relating to administrative and enforcement oversight of private review agents; requiring certain entities to conduct utilization review in a certain manner; requiring private review agents to file a copy of their internal grievance process with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; altering the time frame concerning when a representative of a private review agent must be accessible to patients and health care providers; requiring private review agents to submit certain information to the Insurance Commissioner; establishing certain requirements for when a private review agent must make certain determinations; requiring private review agents to notify certain health care providers within a certain time frame after a certain determination has been made; altering certain provisions of law related to utilization review concerning the types of health care providers that may make certain determinations; prohibiting certain persons from acting as or using a private review agent under certain circumstances; requiring certain private review agents to relinquish the private review agent's certificate of registration under certain circumstances; altering certain provisions of law relating to violations of this Act; altering certain provisions of law requiring the Commissioner to provide a hearing under certain circumstances; altering certain penalties; establishing certain penalties; altering provisions of law relating to reporting requirements; defining certain terms; altering certain terms; making certain stylistic and technical changes; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to administrative and enforcement oversight of private review agents.