

MEMORIAL DAY TO UNITE IN REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATE THE HEROIC ACTS AND EFFORTS OF MARYLANDERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND DIED IN THE ~~UNITED STATES~~ ARMED FORCES.

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

May 18, 2000

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 275 – Health Insurance – Preauthorized Health Care Services – Denials of Reimbursement by Carriers.

This bill prohibits an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, HMO or dental plan organization (carrier) from denying reimbursement to a health care provider for preauthorized or approved services unless: (1) fraudulent information was submitted to the carrier regarding services; (2) critical information was omitted such that the carrier's determination would have been different had the information been provided; or (3) the health care provider did not substantially follow the planned course of treatment that the carrier approved.

House Bill 304, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 275.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 275

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Preauthorized Health Care Services - Denials of Reimbursement by Carriers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying reimbursement to a health care provider for preauthorized or approved services delivered to a patient if a ~~course of treatment~~ health care service has been preauthorized or approved for the patient; providing certain exceptions; providing that a carrier must pay certain claims in accordance with certain provisions of law; defining a certain term; making a stylistic change; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to denials of