

May 18, 2000

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 1068 – Health Insurance – Notice of Health Care Providers on Carrier's Provider Panel.

This bill requires a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, HMO, or dental plan organization (carrier) to provide to an enrollee at the time of initial enrollment a printed list of providers on the carrier's provider panel and printed information on providers that are no longer accepting new patients. A carrier must also make available to prospective enrollees and notify each enrollee at the time of renewal about how to obtain the same information on the Internet and in printed form.

Senate Bill 455, 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 House Bill 1068.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

House Bill No. 1068

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance – Notice of Health Care Providers on Carrier's Provider Panel

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the procedures by which~~ requiring a carrier may satisfy the requirement to make certain information about health care providers available to enrollees and prospective enrollees ~~a list of health care providers on the carrier's provider panel in a certain manner;~~ altering the timing of when the list of providers on the carrier's provider panel must be provided certain information must be made available and must be updated; altering a certain definition; altering certain information on providers that carriers must provide; and generally relating to notifying a carrier providing information to enrollees and prospective enrollees regarding the carrier's provider panel ~~of health care providers on carriers' provider panels under health insurance.~~

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

Article — Insurance

Section 15-112(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1999 Supplement)