

vetoed Senate Bill 680 - Medical Assistance Program - Federally Qualified Health Centers - Cost Based Reimbursement.

This bill repeals current law that requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to pay a federally qualified health center the difference between the payment received by the center from a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) for services provided to MCO enrollees and the reasonable cost to the center in providing those services. DHMH must adopt a methodology to ensure federally qualified health centers are paid reasonable cost-based reimbursement that is consistent with federal law.

House Bill 1243, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 680.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Senate Bill No. 680

AN ACT concerning

### Medical Assistance Program - Federally Qualified Health Centers - Supplemental Payment Cost Based Reimbursement

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring certain managed care organizations to reimburse federally qualified health centers an amount that is not less than a certain market rate that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene establishes by regulation; requiring the Department to make a certain supplemental payment each month to federally qualified health centers; requiring the Department to establish a certain reasonable cost by regulation; repealing certain provisions of law that require a federally qualified health center to submit certain data and reports to the Department, require the Department to review certain payments as requested by federally qualified health centers and make certain adjustments, and authorize the Department to withhold a portion of a certain capitation amount; requiring managed care organizations and federally qualified health centers to make a certain annual certification to the Department; requiring the Department to calculate a certain supplemental payment based on certain information; repealing a certain provision of law requiring certain payments to be reduced each year and to end on a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to federally qualified health centers, payment by managed care organizations, and payment of a certain supplemental payment by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ repealing certain provisions of law that establish a process for providing certain supplemental payments to federally qualified health centers participating in the State Medical Assistance Program and require certain supplemental payments to federally qualified health centers to be reduced each year and to terminate in a certain year; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain