

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 675 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Reimbursement for Outpatient Mental Health Treatment – Dual Eligibility.

This bill requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse specified providers the entire Program fee for the outpatient mental health treatment of individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid as defined in the legislation.

Senate Bill 209, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 675.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 675

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Reimbursement for Outpatient Mental Health Treatment – Dual Eligibility

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse certain providers of outpatient mental health treatment a certain amount of the Program fee for certain individuals; defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report demonstrating that certain funds have been used for the purpose of funding this Act; and generally relating to a certain Program reimbursement amount to certain providers for certain mental health treatment for certain individuals.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 15–101(a) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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