

(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "PROVIDER" MEANS A COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM OR AN INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER PROVIDING OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.

(2) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DUAL ELIGIBILITY, THE PROGRAM SHALL REIMBURSE A PROVIDER THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE FOR OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, INCLUDING ANY AMOUNT ORDINARILY WITHHELD AS A PSYCHIATRIC EXCLUSION AND ANY COPAYMENT NOT COVERED UNDER MEDICARE.

[(d)](F) This section has no effect if its operation would cause this State to lose any federal funds.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Mental Hygiene Administration shall fund the provisions of this Act through existing resources by reprioritizing existing grant funds. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before ~~June 15,~~ August 1, 2003, shall submit a ~~plan for reprioritizing~~ report demonstrating that existing grant funds have been reprioritized to allow for the funding of the provisions of this Act to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the plan.

~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ ~~June~~ July 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

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 717 – Insurance – Premium Finance Agreements.

This bill provides that a premium finance agreement, in addition to financing the premium of a surplus lines insurance contract, may include specified premium receipts taxes and fees charged by a surplus lines broker; and alters the manner in which a finance charge is computed.

Senate Bill 167, 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 717.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor