

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 557 - *Health Insurance - Credentialing Intermediaries and Uniform Credentialing Form*.

This bill exempts carriers that use specified credentialing intermediaries from the requirement to use the uniform credentialing form, and from certain time frames for credentialing decisions. Such carriers must use a credentialing intermediary that: 1) is a hospital or academic medical center; 2) is a participating provider on the carrier's provider panel; and 3) acts as a credentialing intermediary for that carrier for health care practitioners that participate on the carrier's provider panel and have privileges at the hospital or academic health center.

House Bill 515, 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 557.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

**Senate Bill 557**

AN ACT concerning

**Health Insurance - Credentialing Intermediaries - ~~Exemptions~~ and Uniform  
Credentialing Form**

FOR the purpose of providing that certain carriers are exempt from providing certain information within a certain time frame to a provider under certain circumstances; exempting certain credentialing intermediaries from certain requirements regarding the uniform credentialing form; repealing a requirement that the Insurance Commissioner designate the uniform credentialing form through regulation; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Commissioner to adopt regulations to implement provisions of law relating to credentialing; altering a certain definition; defining a certain term; and