

dependent are receiving private health care coverage. Carriers must accept Medicaid's right of recovery and the assignment to Medicaid of any right of an individual or other entity to payment from the carrier for an item or service for which payment has been made under Medicaid. As a condition of doing business in the State, a carrier must also comply with certain requirements of federal law regarding third-party liability.

House Bill 1313, 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 953.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 953

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Information from and Liability of Health Insurance Carriers

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance carriers to provide certain information in a certain manner to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, at the request of the Department, about individuals who are eligible for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or are Program recipients; requiring certain health insurance carriers to accept the Program's right of recovery and the assignment of certain rights under certain circumstances; requiring certain health insurance carriers ~~to respond to certain inquiries by the Department under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying certain claims under certain circumstances~~ as a condition of doing business in the State, to comply with the requirements set forth in certain provisions of law; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from denying or otherwise affecting a health insurance policy or contract due to the eligibility of an individual for Program benefits or receipt by an individual of benefits under the Program; defining a certain term; and generally relating to health insurance and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 15-144 and 19-706(jjj)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)