

(3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, WHEN PAYING A CLAIM MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER ITS RECEIPT, THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL ADD THE INTEREST PAYABLE TO THE AMOUNT OF THE UNPAID CLAIM WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR ANY CLAIM FOR THAT INTEREST TO BE MADE BY THE PROVIDER FILING THE ORIGINAL CLAIM.

(C) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO CLAIMS WHERE:

(1) THERE IS A GOOD FAITH DISPUTE REGARDING:

(I) THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CLAIM; OR

(II) THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT;

AND

(2) THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION:

(I) NOTIFIES THE PROVIDER WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE CLAIM THAT THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CLAIM OR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT IS IN DISPUTE;

(II) SUPPLIES IN WRITING TO THE PROVIDER THE SPECIFIC REASONS WHY THE LEGITIMACY OF THE CLAIM, OR A PORTION OF THE CLAIM, OR THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT IS IN DISPUTE;

(III) PAYS ANY UNDISPUTED PORTION OF THE CLAIM WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE CLAIM; AND

(IV) MAKES A GOOD FAITH, TIMELY EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 327.

This bill defines the term "trust company" as used in provisions of the Estates and Trusts Article, corrects a technical error, and repeals certain inconsistent definitions.