

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 741.

This bill would authorize the Insurance Commissioner to permit Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) agreements to contain nonduplication provisions or provisions to coordinate coverage of subscriber contracts issued by HMOs under which the insured may make a claim.

House Bill 916, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 741.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 741

AN ACT concerning

Health Maintenance Organizations – Nonduplication or Coordination Provisions

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to permit certain health insurance policies to contain nonduplication provisions or provisions to coordinate the coverage of subscriber contracts issued by health maintenance organizations under which the insured may make a claim under certain circumstances; permitting a contract between a health maintenance organization and certain persons to contain certain nonduplication provisions or provisions to coordinate the coverage with certain other health insurers and health maintenance organizations under which the subscriber or member may make a claim; specifying that a contract between a health maintenance organization and certain persons may not contain nonduplication provisions or provisions to coordinate coverage with certain specified disease or intensive care policies; defining a certain term; and generally relating to nonduplication provisions or provisions to coordinate certain coverage in certain contracts issued by health maintenance organizations.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 48A – Insurance Code
Section 361F, 470S, and 477Y
Annotated Code of Maryland