

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1146.

This bill would require that licensed dietitians and nutritionists be reimbursed by insurers and nonprofit health service plans that provide group/blanket or individual health contracts/policies in the same manner provided for reimbursement of other licensed health care providers.

Senate Bill 673, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1992, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1146.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

**House Bill No. 1146**

AN ACT concerning

**Insurance – Dietitians and Nutritionists – Reimbursement and Coverage**

FOR the purpose of providing that certain health plans and insurers may reimburse licensed dietitians and licensed nutritionists for certain services in the same manner provided for reimbursement of other health care providers licensed under the Health Occupations Article; conditioning reimbursement to licensed dietitians and licensed nutritionists on the determination by a physician that nutritional services are medically necessary for specified conditions; limiting reimbursement to usual ~~and customary~~ customary, and reasonable charges; providing that certain charges shall be included in hospital charges; imposing certain limitations on coverage; and generally relating to reimbursement by certain health plans or insurers for services provided by licensed dietitians and licensed nutritionists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 48A – Insurance Code

Section 354Z, 470U, and 477AA

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 48A – Insurance Code**

354Z.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of a group or individual policy or contract issued by a nonprofit health service plan, or any certificate issued thereunder, of health, sickness, accident, or disability insurance, delivered or issued for delivery within the