

(4) FOR COVERED SERVICES OF A DIETITIAN OR A NUTRITIONIST RENDERED TO A HOSPITAL PATIENT:

(I) THE USUAL, CUSTOMARY, AND REASONABLE CHARGES OF A DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST SHALL BE ADDED TO THE HOSPITAL'S CHARGES; AND

(II) THE DIETITIAN OR NUTRITIONIST MAY NOT SEPARATELY BILL THE PATIENT FOR COVERED SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

May 26, 1992

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1208.

This bill would require institutions that provide nursing care to report information on rate changes to the Health Resources Planning Commission every year and to compile certain reports for the Office on Aging.

Senate Bill 628, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1992, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1208.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 1208

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – Nursing Care – Reporting of Rate Charges

FOR the purpose of requiring certain related institutions that provide nursing care to report certain information to the Health Resources Planning Commission every year and in a form that the Commission develops in consultation with certain persons; requiring the Commission to compile certain reports and send a copy of the report to the Office on Aging; authorizing the Commission to adopt certain regulations, impose certain penalties, issue certain orders, and apply to a circuit court for certain legal relief; requiring the Commission to conduct a certain study;