

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 953 - *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Information from and Liability of Health Insurance Carriers*.

This bill requires health insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations and certain third parties to provide the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) with information about individuals eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid so DHMH may determine whether an individual, the individual's spouse and/or 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