

May 22, 2008

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 720 – *Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committees*.

This bill establishes requirements for a pharmacy and therapeutics committee of a pharmacy benefits manager. The bill requires a pharmacy benefits manager to ensure that its pharmacy and therapeutics committee has specified policies and procedures to make specified provisions of law applicable to health maintenance organizations.

House Bill 580, 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 720.

Sincerely,

Governor