

May 27, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Miller, Jr.
Senate President
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 929 – *Health Benefit Plans – Network Access Standards and Provider Network Directories*.

This bill requires specified carriers to maintain or adhere to specified standards that ensure that enrollees have access to specified health care providers and covered service, and specifies the provisions of State insurance law relating to provider panels that apply to managed care organizations. The bill also authorizes the Commissioner to designate an insurer or nonprofit health service plan to offer a preferred provider insurance policy that conditions the payment of benefits on the use of preferred providers under specified circumstances.

House Bill 1318, 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 929.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.