

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 557 - *Health Insurance - Credentialing Intermediaries and Uniform Credentialing Form*.

This bill exempts carriers that use specified credentialing intermediaries from the requirement to use the uniform credentialing form, and from certain time frames for credentialing decisions. Such carriers must use a credentialing intermediary that: 1) is a hospital or academic medical center; 2) is a participating provider on the carrier's provider panel; and 3) acts as a credentialing intermediary for that carrier for health care practitioners that participate on the carrier's provider panel and have privileges at the hospital or academic health center.

House Bill 515, 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 557.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor