

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate
H-107 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 637 – *Health Insurance – Dental Provider Panels – Provider Contracts*.

This bill prohibits a provider contract from containing a provision that requires a dental provider, as a condition of continued participation in specified dental provider panels, to accept an added, a revised, or an amended fee schedule that contains a lower fee. The bill provides that the Act applies to all dental provider contracts issued, renewed, or amended in the State on or after October 1, 2010.

House Bill 804, 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 637.

Sincerely,

Governor