

May 15, 2014

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 874 – *Health Insurance – Specialty Drugs*.

The bill prohibits specified insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment or coinsurance requirement on a covered specialty drug that exceeds a specified dollar amount; provides for an annual increase to the copayment or coinsurance requirement limit; and authorizes a pharmacy registered under a specified provision of federal law to apply to be a designated pharmacy for a specified purpose under specified conditions.

House Bill 761, 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 874.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley