

May 25, 2018

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 630 – *Nursing Homes – Partial Payment for Services Provided*.

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), at the request of a nursing home, to make an advance payment for Medicaid services provided to a resident who has filed an application for Medicaid services if the eligibility of the resident has not been determined within 90 days after the application was filed. An advance payment may not exceed 50% of the estimated amount due for uncompensated services. If the resident is found eligible for Medicaid, MDH must pay the balance due to the nursing home. If the resident is ineligible for Medicaid, MDH must recover any advance payments made by reducing payments due to the nursing home.

House Bill 1215, 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 630.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor