

May 24, 2019

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 36 – *Health Insurance – Health Benefit Plans – Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy*.

This bill requires 1) small employer and individual health benefit plans to provide a special enrollment period during which an individual who becomes pregnant, as confirmed by a health care practitioner, may enroll in a health benefit plan; 2) the special enrollment period to be open for 90 days and begin on the date a health care practitioner confirms the pregnancy; 3) coverage to be effective on the first day of the month in which the woman receives confirmation of pregnancy; and 4) that all health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after a certain date apply. This bill also requires the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange must report to specertain committees of the General Assembly on the use of the special enrollment period.

House Bill 127, 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 36.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor