

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 574 - *Health Insurance - Credentialing and Recredentialing of Health Care Providers*.

This bill alters the time period within which a health insurance carrier must make a decision regarding the participation of a health care provider on the carrier's provider panel; and prohibits specified health insurance carriers from requiring a specified health care provider to be recredentialled based on a change in the federal tax identification number of the health care provider or the health care provider's employer or a change in the health care provider's employer under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 636, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 574.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor