

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

### House Bill No. 574

AN ACT concerning

#### **Health Insurance - Credentialing and Recredentialing of Health Care Providers - ~~Change in Tax Identification Number or Employer~~**

FOR the purpose of altering 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; prohibiting certain health insurance carriers from requiring a health care provider participating on a carrier's provider panel to be recredentialed 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 certain circumstances; requiring a certain health care provider or the health care provider's employer to give certain notice to a carrier not less than a certain number of days before the effective date of a change in the federal tax identification number of the health care provider or the health care provider's employer; requiring the notice to include a certain statement, information, and form; requiring a carrier, within a certain number of days after receipt of the notice, to acknowledge its receipt and issue a new provider number to certain persons under certain circumstances; prohibiting a carrier from terminating its existing contract with a health care provider or a health care provider's employer based solely on a certain notice given to the carrier; requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation with certain other units of State government and the representatives of certain persons, to make certain comparisons, identify certain mechanisms, and identify ways to improve the credentialing system for health care providers used in the State; requiring the Administration to report its findings to certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the credentialing of health care providers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-112(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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