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INSURANCE LAW BULLETIN

Re: **Maryland Insurance Commissioner To Enact Regulations On Disability Claims**

On May 13, 2003, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. signed House Bill 499 into law. House Bill 499 requires the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations that establish standards governing the processing of disability claims filed under individual and group policies. The regulations must establish reasonable claims procedures governing the filing of disability claims, including notification of an adverse benefit determination and an appeal by an insured or his authorized representative of an adverse benefit determination, and be consistent with the claims procedure regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor, 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1.

Notice of the proposed regulations has not yet been issued.

For further information, or a copy of House Bill 499, please contact **Bryan D. Bolton** at 410-659-7754 or bbolton@fblaw.com. Please visit our website at www.fblaw.com.

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