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- (i) A comprehensive care facility that is currently regulated by the Commission; or
  - (ii) An intermediate care facility mental retardation.
- (2) "Related institution" includes any institution in paragraph (1) of this subsection, as reclassified from time to time by law.
- (a) (1) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Commission under this subtitle may not appeal to the Board of Review but may take a direct judicial appeal.
- (2) The appeal shall be made as provided for judicial review of final decisions in the Administrative Procedure Act.
- (B) A FINAL DECISION OF THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHING RATES FOR A HOSPITAL FOLLOWING A RATE REVIEW MAY NOT BE STAYED PENDING AN APPEAL.
- [(b)](C) —(1) An appeal from a final-decision of the Commission under this section shall be taken in the name of the person aggrieved as appellant and against the Commission as appellee.
- (2) The Commission is a necessary party to an appeal at all levels of the appeal.
- (3) The Commission may appeal any decision that affects any of its final decisions to a higher level for further review.
- (4) On grant of leave by the appropriate court, any aggricoed party or interested person may intervene or participate in an appeal at any level.
- [(e)] (D) Any person, government agency, or nonprofit health service plan that contracts with or pays a facility for health care services has standing to participate in Commission hearings and shall be allowed to appeal final decisions of the Commission.

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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Accredited hospital" means a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.
- (c) "Accredited residential treatment center" means a residential treatment center that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.
- (d) "Apartment unit" means any space, in a residential building, that is enclosed and self-contained and has a sanitary environment, if the space includes:
  - (1) 2 or more rooms;