

Article - Health - General

19-131.

(a) On or before July 1, 2008, the Commission, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall propose emergency regulations to establish a review process to approve facilities in the State that may seek licensure as a freestanding medical facility, as provided in Subtitle 3A of this title.

(b) The regulations shall include:

(1) A process to identify areas of the State in which a freestanding medical facility could meet health care service delivery needs;

(2) A process for submitting and acting on applications;

(3) Criteria for evaluating and approving applications, including:

(i) Documentation that the proposed freestanding medical facility will meet the licensure requirements of Subtitle 3A of this title;

(ii) The efficiency and effectiveness of the proposed freestanding medical facility in meeting the health care needs of the health planning region;

(iii) The types of equipment and level of staffing specified, in relation to the services the freestanding medical facility proposes to provide; and

(iv) Costs to both public and private payers; and

(4) Appropriate notice and opportunity for a hearing and judicial review, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(c) A facility that is approved under this section to seek licensure as a freestanding medical facility shall provide to the Commission information, as specified by the Commission, on the configuration, location, operation, and utilization, including patient-level utilization, of the freestanding medical facility.

(d) A freestanding medical facility pilot project is exempt from the review process in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

~~(e) A FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY LOCATED IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM THE REVIEW PROCESS IN SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION IF:~~