

Section 19-319(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1990 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 14-601(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1986 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-319.

(e) (1) As a condition of licensure, each hospital shall establish a credentialling process for the physicians who are employed by or who have staff privileges at the hospital.

(2) The Secretary shall, by regulation and in consultation with hospitals, physicians, interested community and advocacy groups, and representatives of the Maryland Defense Bar and Plaintiffs' Bar, establish minimum standards for a credentialling process which shall include:

(i) A formal written appointment process documenting the physician's education, clinical expertise, licensure history, insurance history, medical history, claims history, and professional experience.

(ii) A requirement that an initial appointment to staff not be complete until the physician has successfully completed a probationary period.

(iii) A formal, written reappointment process to be conducted at least every 2 years. The reappointment process shall document the physician's pattern of performance by analyzing claims filed against the physician, data dealing with utilization, quality, and risk, a review of clinical skills, adherence to hospital bylaws, policies and procedures, compliance with continuing education requirements, and mental and physical status.

(3) If requested by the Department, a hospital shall provide documentation that, prior to employing or granting privileges to a physician, the hospital has complied with the requirements of this subsection and that, prior to renewing employment or privileges, the hospital has complied with the requirements of this subsection.

(4) If a hospital fails to establish or maintain a credentialling process required under this subsection, the Secretary may impose the following penalties:

(i) Delicensure of the hospital; or