

Article 43 - Health  
Section 134A  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 134A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE" MEANS A COMMITTEE OR BOARD DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, WHICH IS ENGAGED IN CARRYING OUT ONE OR MORE OF THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(3) "PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION LICENSED BY LAW TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE TO HUMAN BEINGS, AND IT MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN ANY NURSING INSTITUTION CONDUCTED BY AND FOR THOSE WHO RELY UPON TREATMENT BY SPIRITUAL MEANS THROUGH PRAYER ALONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS AND PRACTICES OF A RECOGNIZED CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

(B) THE MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE IS A COMMITTEE OR BOARD DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A REGULATORY BOARD OR AGENCY CREATED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW TO LICENSE, CERTIFY OR DISCIPLINE ANY PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE; OR

(2) A COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF THIS STATE AND ITS COMPONENT SOCIETIES [[AND]] OR A COMMITTEE OF ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION COMPRISED OF LICENSED PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE; OR

(3) A COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OR OTHER COMMITTEE OF A "HOSPITAL" OR "RELATED INSTITUTION" AS DEFINED UNDER THIS ARTICLE IF THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, OR THE COMMITTEE OPERATES PURSUANT TO WRITTEN BYLAWS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION; OR

(4) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION CONTRACTING WITH AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (SUCH AS A PROFESSIONAL STANDARD REVIEW