

MARYLAND, That Section 206B of Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments

206B.

(1) (I) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORD HAS THE MEANING INDICATED:

~~(II) "PERSON AGGRIEVED" INCLUDES ANY NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OR HOSPITAL WHICH PROVIDES HEALTH CARE BENEFITS, OR HAS AN INTEREST IN, OR MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION UNDER REVIEW, WITH REGARD TO APPEALS OF ANY DECISION OR ACTION TO OR FAILURE TO ACT ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARY OF ANY DEPARTMENT OR OTHER AGENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING.~~

(II) "PARTY OR PERSON AGGRIEVED" SHALL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS, HOSPITALS OR NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCE COMPANIES PAYING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES RENDERED THEIR SUBSCRIBERS OF INSUREDS DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITAL WHOSE APPLICATION IS UNDER THE REVIEW, WHO MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE APPLICATION UNDER REVIEW AND WHO WAS A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING PRIOR TO TAKING AN APPEAL UNDER THIS SECTION.

(III) THIS SECTION SUBSECTION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO APPEALS OF A DECISION, ACTION OF FAILURE TO ACT ON THE PART OF THE MARYLAND STATE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING AGENCY, THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE BOARD OF REVIEW RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING.

(2) (Any) A person aggrieved by [any] A decision or action or failure to act on the part of the Secretary or any department or other agency within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for which an appeal to the Board of Review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is provided by § 206A of this article may appeal in the manner set forth in this section. Prior to its commencement the person so aggrieved shall make known the basis of the complaint to the person or persons responsible for the decision or the conduct of the action or of the withholding of the action, as the case may be, together with a request that it be reviewed. If a satisfactory resolution has not occurred within 30 days thereafter, the complainant may proceed as follows:

[(1)](I) Any complainant seeking further review shall set forth the nature of the complaint in writing, wherein it shall be outlined in detail with a full