

shall be rendered in writing and a copy thereof sent to the complainant within 30 days of the filing of the complaint. A record shall be kept of all complaints and their disposition which shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours.

[(ii)](2) A party aggrieved by an adverse decision of action or failure to take action within the time prescribed by [subsection (2) of] this section[,] may file an appeal to the board of review of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The board shall adopt procedures as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act and shall in all other respects be governed by the provisions of the act. At least three members shall sit at any hearing of the board, constituted as a board of appeal. Decisions shall be by a majority of the board sitting. The board's decision shall be in writing, stating its reasons. Minutes of its proceedings shall be kept. The chairman, or acting chairman, shall have the power to administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. The decision of the board shall be the final agency decision for purposes of judicial review under § 255 of this article or for purposes of any other provisions of law permitting appeals to the courts from decisions of agencies included within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Appeals from decisions of the board shall be as prescribed in the Administrative Procedure Act or by the substantive law applying to commission, department, board or other instrumentality whose decision is being appealed.

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(a-1) [After July 1, 1972, a license to open a newly created hospital or related institution shall not be issued not shall a license to continue a hospital or related institution which has relocated its services be issued unless the hospital or related institution conforms to or is not inconsistent with the comprehensive health plan developed and applicable for the particular area. Where no comprehensive health plan has been developed for a particular area, the State's comprehensive health planning agency shall make the determinations required. This reference is to the comprehensive health plan developed and effective under § 59C of Article 41 of this Code. Nothing contained in this subtitle shall be construed as authorizing the medical supervision, regulation or control of the spiritual care or spiritual treatment of residents or patients in any hospital, home or related institution who rely upon treatment by prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the creed or tenets of any recognized church or religious denomination. Except that the provisions of this subsection shall apply in Prince George's County after April 1, 1970, and providing further that the Prince George's County health planning advisory committee shall be deemed the interim regional health facilities planning agency for Prince George's County pending designation of a