

21.

ANY CONTINUING CARE CONTRACT WHICH VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF § 13 SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

22.

(A) A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OR RENEWAL CERTIFICATE MAY BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED FOR CAUSE BY THE OFFICE. GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION INCLUDE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, VIOLATIONS OF RULES OR REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE OFFICE PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, MISREPRESENTATIONS, OR SUBMISSIONS OF ANY FALSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(B) THE PROCEEDINGS GOVERNING THE APPEAL OF A REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

23.

ANY OPERATION SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION ACT OF ARTICLE 3 43, ARTICLE 48A, EXCEPT § 470N, OR TITLE 8 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE MARYLAND ANNOTATED CODE. UNDER § 470N OF ARTICLE 48A, THE LIABILITY OF THE PROVIDER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH WOULD BE DUE AS A REFUND IF THE SUBSCRIBER WERE DISMISSED UNDER SECTION 15 AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT IN SERVICES RENDERED BY, OR PAID IN FULL OR IN PART BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

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