

(B) THE DENTAL 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 DENTAL CARE; OR

(2) A COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION OR MARYLAND DENTAL SOCIETY AND THEIR COMPONENT SOCIETIES OR A COMMITTEE OF ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION COMPRISED OF LICENSED PROVIDERS OF DENTAL CARE; OR

(3) A COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OR OTHER COMMITTEE OF A "HOSPITAL" OR "RELATED INSTITUTION" AS DEFINED UNDER ARTICLE 43 OF THE CODE, 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 ORGANIZATION) TO PERFORM ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(5) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION CONTRACTING WITH A PROVIDER OF DENTAL CARE TO PERFORM ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IF THE FUNCTIONS ARE LIMITED TO REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PROVIDER OF DENTAL CARE.

(C) THE DENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL ENGAGE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:

(1) EVALUATING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF DENTAL CARE RENDERED BY PROVIDERS OF DENTAL CARE;

(2) EVALUATING THE NEED FOR AND THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE OF DENTAL CARE RENDERED;

(3) EVALUATING THE QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCE, AND PERFORMANCE OF PROVIDERS OF DENTAL CARE; AND

(4) EVALUATING AND ACTING UPON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER OF DENTAL CARE.

(D) THE PROCEEDINGS, RECORDS, AND FILES OF A DENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE NEITHER DISCOVERABLE NOR ADMISSIBLE INTO EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL ACTION ARISING OUT OF MATTERS WHICH ARE BEING REVIEWED AND EVALUATED BY THE COMMITTEE. THIS IMMUNITY DOES NOT APPLY TO A CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND CLAIMING TO BE AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE. ALSO, THIS IMMUNITY DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY RECORDS OR