

(4) (I) AFTER GIVING THE-CHAIRMAN A PANEL MEMBER AT LEAST 15 DAYS NOTICE OF HIS INTENTION AND THE REASON FOR HIS PROPOSED ACTION, THE DIRECTOR MAY REMOVE A THE PANEL CHAIRMAN MEMBER FOR PROPER GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(II) ON RECEIPT OF A NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO REMOVE HIM, THE PANEL CHAIRMAN MEMBER MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED. THE DIRECTOR SHALL CONSIDER ANY SUCH STATEMENT THAT IS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE DATE FOR WHICH NOTICE OF THE INTENDED ACTION WAS GIVEN.

(III) IN ANY EVENT, A REMOVAL IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNLESS AND UNTIL THE DIRECTOR SUBMITS TO THE PANEL MEMBER AND THE CHAIRMAN A WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THE REMOVAL.

(c) The Director shall prepare a list of qualified persons willing to serve as arbitrators of health care malpractice claims. [He shall include among others on the list persons on the American Arbitration Association list or arbitrators who are willing to serve.] The list shall be divided into three categories, one containing the names of attorneys, one containing the names of individuals who are health care providers, and one containing the names of persons from the general public who are neither attorneys, health care providers, or agents or employees of an insurance company or society. The list of health care providers shall, if practicable, include at least one health care provider from each recognized specialty, [with the specialty being designated with the name] AS REQUESTED BY ANY PARTY.

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(a) (1) A person having a claim against a health care provider for damage due to a medical injury shall file his claim with the Director. The Director shall cause a copy of the claim to be served upon the health care provider by the appropriate sheriff in accordance with the Maryland Rules. The health care provider shall file a response with the Director and serve a copy on the claimant AND ALL OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS NAMED THEREIN within the time provided in the Maryland Rules for filing a responsive pleading to a declaration. The claim and the response may include a statement that the matter in controversy falls within one or more particular recognized specialties.

(2) A third-party claim shall be filed with the response of the third-party claimant to the original claim.

(3) A CLAIMANT MAY NOT ADD A NEW DEFENDANT AFTER THE ARBITRATION PANEL HAS BEEN SELECTED, OR 10 DAYS AFTER THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD, WHICHEVER IS LATER.

(4) UNTIL ALL COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE FIRST FILING HAVE BEEN SATISFIED, A CLAIMANT WHO VOLUNTARILY