(II) "PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY NURSING INSTITUTION THAT IS CONDUCTED BY AND FOR THOSE WHO RELY ON TREATMENT BY SPIRITUAL MEANS THROUGH PRAYER ALONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS AND PRACTICES OF A RECOGNIZED CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE IS:

(1) A REGULATORY BOARD OR AGENCY ESTABLISHED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW TO LICENSE, CERTIFY, OR DISCIPLINE ANY PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE;

(2) A COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENT SOCIETIES OR A COMMITTEE OF ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY OR ASSOCIATION COMPOSED OF PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE;

(3) A COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY OR ESTABLISHED IN A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW PURPOSES;

(4) A COMMITTEE OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OR OTHER COMMITTEE OF A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, IF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION FORMS AND APPROVES THE COMMITTEE OR APPROVES THE WRITTEN BYLAWS UNDER WHICH THE COMMITTEE OPERATES;

(5) ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A PROFESSIONAL STANDARD REVIEW ORGANIZATION, WHO CONTRACTS WITH AN AGENCY OF THIS STATE OR OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PERFORM ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION; OR

(6) ANY PERSON WHO CONTRACTS WITH A PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE TO PERFORM ANY OF THOSE FUNCTIONS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION THAT ARE LIMITED TO THE REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE.

(C) FUNCTIONS OF MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

(1) EVALUATES AND SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE;

(2) EVALUATES THE NEED FOR AND THE LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDED BY PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE;

(3) EVALUATES THE QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCE, AND PERFORMANCE OF PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE; OR

(4) EVALUATES AND ACTS ON MATTERS THAT RELATE TO THE DISCIPLINE OF ANY PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE.

(D) RECORDS OF MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE NOT ADMISSIBLE OR DISCOVERABLE -- IN GENERAL.