

enables the Commissioner to required financial information.

Defined terms: "Commissioner" § 19-701
 "Health maintenance organization" § 19-701
 "Includes"/"including" § 1-101

19-718. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

(A) EXAMINATION.

THE COMMISSIONER OR AN AGENT OF THE COMMISSIONER SHALL EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND STATUS OF EACH HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS.

(B) ASSISTANCE AND RECORDS.

IN AN EXAMINATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION SHALL:

(1) COOPERATE WITH AND HELP THE COMMISSIONER AND THE AGENTS; AND

(2) GIVE THEM CONVENIENT ACCESS TO ALL BOOKS, RECORDS, PAPERS, AND DOCUMENTS THAT RELATE TO THE BUSINESS OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING FINANCIAL RECORDS OF PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER CONTRACT.

(C) OATH.

THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXAMINE UNDER OATH ANY OFFICER, AGENT, EMPLOYEE, OR SUBSCRIBER OF THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION, OR ANY OTHER PERSON WHO HAS OR EVER HAD ANY RELATION TO ITS AFFAIRS, TRANSACTIONS, OR FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

(D) HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS.

(1) HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS OF MEMBERS OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY BE EXAMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER ONLY UNDER A COURT ORDER ON A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE.

(2) THESE RECORDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER PERSON WHO THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES UNDER PROCEDURES THAT KEEP THE IDENTITY OF PATIENTS AS CONFIDENTIAL AS POSSIBLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 847(f)(2), (3), and the second and third sentences of (1).

In subsection (c) of this section, the former reference to a person with "substantial part in"