

(B) (1) TO RESOLVE EXPEDITIOUSLY A COMPLAINT THAT ALLEGES THE EXISTENCE OF ANY NONLIFE THREATENING DEFICIENCY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER THE COMPLAINT DIRECTLY TO THE HOSPITAL.

(2) IF APPROPRIATE, ISSUES RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE OR THE LICENSURE OR CONDUCT OF A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE HOSPITAL AND MAY BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE LICENSURE BOARD FOR RESOLUTION.

(3) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE HOSPITAL HAS NOT SATISFACTORILY ADDRESSED THE REFERRED COMPLAINT OR WHERE THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES THE EXISTENCE OF A LIFE THREATENING DEFICIENCY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. WHEN CONDUCTING ITS INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE:

(I) FOR AN ACCREDITED HOSPITAL, THE STANDARDS OF REVIEW OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS;

(II) FOR A NONACCREDITED HOSPITAL, THE STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

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(c) (2) The hospital or related institution to be operated shall [meet]:

(I) BE AN ACCREDITED HOSPITAL; OR

(II) MEET the requirements that the Secretary adopts under this subtitle.

19-320.

(a) An applicant for a license shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Secretary; and

(2) Pay to the Secretary THE [an] application fee [of \$10] SET BY THE SECRETARY IN REGULATIONS.

19-323.

(a) (1) A license FOR A RELATED INSTITUTION OR NONACCREDITED HOSPITAL expires on the first anniversary of its effective date, unless the license is renewed for a 1-year term as provided in this section.

(2) A LICENSE FOR AN ACCREDITED HOSPITAL EXPIRES WHEN THE CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION EXPIRES.

(b) Before the license expires, the licensee periodically may renew it for an additional [1-year] term, if the licensee: