

(G) PHYSICIAN.

"PHYSICIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for brevity. It is patterned after HG § 1-101(h).

This definition relates only to the term "physician" as used in this article and has no effect on who may be licensed or authorized to practice medicine. In that regard, see Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article. See also 60 Op. Att'y Gen. 383 (1975), concerning the scope of "physician" for purposes of the Medical Malpractice Insurance Act and Beverungen v. Briele, 25 Md. App. 233 (1975).

(H) SECRETARY.

"SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title "Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene".

Throughout this article, "Secretary" is substituted for the obsolete references in the former law to the "State Board of Health", the "State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene", and the "Commissioner of Health". For the most part, these substitutions follow from the rule of construction set out by former Article 43, § 1H.

Also throughout this article, "Secretary" is substituted for phrases such as "Secretary or an authorized agent of the Secretary", the context of the statute implies that the Secretary may delegate a power or the performance of a duty. Where it is intended that the Secretary be able to delegate a power or the performance of a duty, but the context would not otherwise clearly imply the Secretary's power to delegate, and where, for other reasons, clarity so requires, language such as "Secretary or a designee of the Secretary" is used.

(I) STATE.

"STATE" MEANS: