

servicing a medical laboratory, however, former Article 43, § 34(a) referred only to an "appropriate annual application". This subtitle is revised to clarify that, in practice, application is made for a permit.

Defined terms: "Medical laboratory" § 17-201
"Secretary" § 1-101

17-202. STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS OF MEDICAL LABORATORIES.

(A) STANDARDS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL LABORATORIES.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL CONTAIN THE STANDARDS THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE THAT MEDICAL LABORATORIES PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE SERVICES.

(B) INSPECTIONS.

TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) HAVE AN INSPECTION MADE OF EACH MEDICAL LABORATORY FOR WHICH A PERMIT TO OPERATE IS SOUGHT; AND

(2) HAVE AN INSPECTION MADE PERIODICALLY OR MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH AN ORGANIZATION TO DO, AT NO COST TO THIS STATE, A PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EACH MEDICAL LABORATORY FOR WHICH THAT PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence, as that sentence related to standards, the first clause of the third sentence, and the entire fourth and fifth sentences of former Article 43, § 34(a).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former description of medical laboratories as "{making} examinations" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the definition of "medical laboratory".

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to medical laboratories "in the counties of the State and in Baltimore City" is deleted as inaccurate in light of § 17-206 of this subtitle, which makes these standards applicable to an out-of-state laboratory that is represented or serviced in this State.