

SUBTITLE 23. ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

19-2301.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION" MEANS A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS AND SURVEYS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BASED ON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND DEVELOPED STANDARDS.

(C) "DEEMED STATUS" MEANS A STATUS UNDER WHICH A HEALTH CARE FACILITY MAY BE EXEMPT FROM ROUTINE SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(D) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS:

(1) A HOSPITAL AS DEFINED IN § 19-301(B) OF THIS TITLE;

(2) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN § 19-701(G) OF THIS TITLE;

(3) A FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-3B-01 OF THIS TITLE;

(4) AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-1801 OF THIS TITLE;

(5) A LABORATORY AS DEFINED IN § 17-201 OF THIS ARTICLE,

(6) A HOME HEALTH AGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 19-401 OF THIS TITLE;

(7) A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(8) A COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-1201 OF THIS TITLE.

19-2302.

(A) ~~ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATIONS~~ AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION SHALL APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL.

(B) PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) DETERMINE THAT THE STANDARDS OF THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION ARE EQUAL TO OR MORE STRINGENT THAN EXISTING STATE REQUIREMENTS;

(2) EVALUATE THE SURVEY OR INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THE SURVEY OR INSPECTION PROCESS; AND