

(5) The Commission may contract with a private entity to implement the system required under this subsection provided that the entity is not a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility.

(6) (I) THE COMPARABLE EVALUATION SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION INFORMATION FROM HOSPITALS.

(II) THE COMPARABLE EVALUATION SYSTEM SHALL ADHERE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) AND THE CDC HEALTHCARE INFECTION CONTROL PRACTICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGARDING PUBLIC REPORTING OF HEALTH CARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Enacted April 7, 2006.

CHAPTER 43

(Senate Bill 158)

AN ACT concerning

Private Review Agents - Treatment Plan Form - Form Mandated by Another State

FOR the purpose of requiring a private review agent that requires a health care provider to submit a treatment plan in order for the private review agent to conduct utilization review of proposed or delivered services for the treatment of a mental illness, emotional disorder, or a substance abuse disorder to accept a treatment plan form mandated by the state in which the service was provided, under certain circumstances; and generally relating to treatment plan forms for private review agent utilization review.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Insurance

Section 15-10B-06

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Insurance

15-10B-06.

(a) (1) A private review agent shall: