

Subtitle 8. Mortality AND QUALITY Review Committee.

5-801.

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

(B) "AGGREGATE INCIDENT DATA" MEANS INFORMATION OR STATISTICS MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY ON THE REPORTED INCIDENTS OF LEVEL III SERIOUS INJURIES AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

(C) [In this subtitle,] "Committee" means the Mortality AND QUALITY Review Committee.

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(a) There is a Mortality AND QUALITY Review Committee established within the Department.

(b) The purpose of the Committee is to prevent avoidable INJURIES AND AVOIDABLE deaths and to improve the quality of care provided to persons with developmental disabilities.

5-803.

The Committee shall:

(1) Evaluate causes or factors contributing to deaths in facilities or programs operated or licensed by the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Developmental Disabilities Administration or operating by waiver under § 7-903(b) of this article;

(2) REVIEW AGGREGATE INCIDENT DATA REGARDING FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS THAT ARE LICENSED OR OPERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION OR OPERATING BY WAIVER UNDER § 7-903(B) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(3) Identify patterns and systemic problems and ensure consistency in the review process; and

[(3)] (4) Make recommendations to the Secretary AND THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES to prevent avoidable INJURIES AND AVOIDABLE deaths and improve quality of care.

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(a) The Committee shall consist of 18 members appointed by the Secretary, including the following:

(1) A licensed physician who is board certified in an appropriate specialty;

(2) A psychopharmacologist;

(3) A licensed physician on staff with the Department;