

obsolete to the extent that former Art. 41, § 71(c-1)(5), permits referrals and as otherwise unnecessary.

Former Art. 41, § 71(c-1)(4)(iv), which restricted referrals by the Department of Licensing and Regulation of claims under Art. 48A, § 61 of the Code, now appears in that section.

As to the duty of the Central Collection Unit to act for the Public Defender and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect reimbursement for services, see Art. 27A, § 7(f) of the Code and HG § 16-204(d), respectively.

Defined term: "Secretary" § 3-101

3-303. REGULATIONS.

THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT RELATE TO COLLECTIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR REFERRAL OF A DEBT OR CLAIM AND THE INFORMATION THAT SUPPORTS THE DEBT OR CLAIM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of the third sentence of former Art. 41, § 71(c-1)(1).

Defined terms: "Includes"; "including" § 1-101
"Secretary" § 3-101

3-304. POWERS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT MAY:

(1) INSTITUTE, IN ITS NAME, ANY ACTION THAT IS AVAILABLE UNDER STATE LAW FOR COLLECTION OF A DEBT OR CLAIM; OR

(2) WITHOUT SUIT, SETTLE THE DEBT OR CLAIM.

(B) COLLECTION AND OTHER COSTS.

NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT IS A UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THAT ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL REPRESENT THE UNIT, THE UNIT MAY ENFORCE A STATUTORY OR WRITTEN CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF A DEBTOR TO PAY COSTS IN ADDITION TO PRINCIPAL, INCLUDING COLLECTION COSTS, COUNSEL FEES, OR INTEREST PENALTIES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 71(c-1)(6) and the second and fourth sentences of (1).