

(d) The Director shall by regulation determine the fees that may be charged by arbitrators for services rendered by them in proceedings conducted pursuant to this subtitle.

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(a) (1) A person having a claim against a health care provider for damage due to a medical injury shall file his claim with the Director. The Director shall cause a copy of the claim to be served upon the health care provider by the appropriate sheriff in accordance with the Maryland Rules. The health care provider shall file a response with the Director and serve a copy on the claimant and all other health care providers named therein within the time provided in the Maryland Rules for filing a responsive pleading to a declaration. The claim and the response may include a statement that the matter in controversy falls within one or more particular recognized specialties.

(2) A third-party claim shall be filed [with] WITHIN 30 DAYS OF the response of the third-party claimant to the original claim UNLESS THE PARTIES CONSENT TO A LATER FILING OR A LATER FILING IS ALLOWED BY THE PANEL CHAIRMAN FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(3) A claimant may not add a new defendant after the arbitration panel has been selected, or 10 days after the prehearing conference has been held, whichever is later.

(4) Until all costs attributable to the first filing have been satisfied, a claimant [who voluntarily dismisses a claim] may not file a second claim on the same or substantially the same grounds against any of the same parties.

(B) UNLESS THE SOLE ISSUE IN THE CLAIM IS LACK OF INFORMED CONSENT:

(1) A CLAIM FILED AFTER JULY 1, 1986, SHALL BE DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE IF THE CLAIMANT FAILS TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT WITH THE DIRECTOR ATTESTING TO DEPARTURE FROM STANDARDS OF CARE ~~OR OF INFORMED CONSENT~~, AND THAT THE DEPARTURE FROM STANDARDS OF CARE ~~OR OF INFORMED CONSENT~~ IS THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE ALLEGED INJURY, WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE COMPLAINT.

(2) A CLAIM FILED AFTER JULY 1, 1986, SHALL BE ADJUDICATED IN FAVOR OF THE CLAIMANT ON THE ISSUE OF LIABILITY, IF THE DEFENDANT DISPUTES LIABILITY AND FAILS TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT ATTESTING TO COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS OF CARE ~~OR OF INFORMED CONSENT~~, OR THAT THE DEPARTURE FROM STANDARDS OF CARE ~~OR OF INFORMED CONSENT~~ IS NOT THE PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE ALLEGED INJURY, WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE ~~LAST DEFENDANT HAS BEEN SERVED~~ CLAIMANT FILED THE CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED EXPERT SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION. IF THE DEFENDANT DOES NOT DISPUTE LIABILITY, A