

certain purposes; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the confidentiality of records of a medical review committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations
Section 14-601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Health --~~General~~ Occupations

14-601.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (I) "ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY OTHER THAN A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION.

(II) "ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM" INCLUDES:

1. A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;
2. A PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION; OR
3. AN INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION.

[(2)] (3) "Medical review committee" means a committee or board that:

(i) Is within one of the categories described in subsection (b) of this section; and

(ii) Performs any of the functions listed in subsection (c) of this section.

[(3)] (4) (i) "Provider of health care" means any person who is licensed by law to provide health care to individuals.

(ii) "Provider of health care" does not include any nursing institution that is conducted by and for those who rely on treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.