

standards of care, or that the departure from standards of care is not the proximate cause of the alleged injury, within 120 days from the date the claimant [filed] SERVED the certificate of qualified expert set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection ON THE DEFENDANT. If the defendant does not dispute liability, a certificate of a qualified expert is not required under this subsection. THE DEFENDANT SHALL SERVE A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE ON ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THE CLAIM OR THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES.

~~(3) The attorney representing each party, or the party proceeding pro se, shall file the appropriate certificate with a report of the attesting expert attached. Discovery is available as to the basis of the certificate.~~

~~(4) The attesting expert may not devote annually more than 20 percent of the expert's professional activities to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims.~~

~~(5) An extension of the time allowed for filing a certificate of a qualified expert under this subsection may be granted for good cause shown.~~

(d) (2) If:

(i) The claim is against more than one health care provider, whether directly by a claimant or as a result of a third-party claim, the health care providers claimed against shall be treated as a single party and shall exercise their strikes jointly;

(ii) There is more than one claimant, the claimants shall be treated as a single party and shall exercise their strikes jointly;

(iii) Within the time period specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, multiple claimants or multiple health care providers fail to agree on their strikes in any category, they shall notify the Director of their disagreement, and [he shall] THE DIRECTOR MAY make the strikes on their behalf with respect to that category;

(iv) Any party fails to return a copy of the list with his strikes within the time period specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Director [shall] MAY make the strikes for that party.

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(b) (1) The provisions of §§ 3-212 through 3-217 [and 3-220] of this article are applicable to proceedings under this subtitle.