

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

(A) ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF THE SECRETARY IN A CONTESTED CASE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY TAKE A DIRECT JUDICIAL APPEAL.

(B) THE APPEAL SHALL BE MADE AS PROVIDED FOR THE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF FINAL DECISIONS UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

19-1310.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT THAT OPERATES SOLELY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR UTILIZATION REVIEW OF PATIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL SERVICES UNDER TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

19-1311.

THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY SHALL PROVIDE A LIST OF PRIVATE REVIEW AGENTS ISSUED A CERTIFICATION AND THE RENEWAL DATE FOR THAT CERTIFICATION TO:

- (1) THE MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE;
- (2) THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND;
- (3) THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION;
- (4) ALL HOSPITAL UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAMS; AND
- (5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR LABOR ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE LIST.

19-1312.

THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIVATE REVIEW AGENTS; AND
- (2) TO DETERMINE IF THE UTILIZATION REVIEW PROGRAMS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

19-1313.

A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT MAY NOT DISCLOSE OR PUBLISH INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL RECORDS OR ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF UTILIZATION REVIEW ACTIVITIES.

19-1314.