

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

(II) TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION AS NECESSARY.

(2) (I) AFTER PERFORMING ANY NECESSARY PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGATION OF GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY OR OTHER ACTION, THE BOARD SHALL REFER ANY ALLEGATION INVOLVING STANDARDS OF MEDICAL CARE, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, AND ANY ALLEGATION BASED ON § 14-504(A)(19) TO THE FACULTY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION AND PHYSICIAN PEER REVIEW WITHIN THE INVOLVED MEDICAL SPECIALTY OR SPECIALTIES.

(II) THE FACULTY MAY REFER THE ALLEGATION FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE:

1. COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY; OR
2. COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY.

(c) (1) The Faculty, all committees of the Faculty, except the physician rehabilitation committee, and all county medical societies shall refer to the [Commission] BOARD all complaints that set forth allegations of grounds for disciplinary action under § 14-504 of this subtitle.

(2) If the Faculty determines that 3 or more malpractice claims have been filed against an individual licensed physician under § 3-2A-04(a) of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article within a 5-year period, the Faculty shall submit the name of the individual licensed physician to the [Commission] BOARD and, subject to the approval of the [Commission] BOARD, shall refer the claims to the Faculty's appropriate committee for investigation and report to the [Commission] BOARD as if the [Commission] BOARD had referred the claims to the committee of the Faculty.

(d) (1) (i) Unless the [Commission] BOARD grants an extension, the medical society or Faculty committee shall report to the [Commission] BOARD on its investigation within 90 days after the referral.

(ii) However, if the investigatory body does not complete its report within 90 days, the [Commission] BOARD may refer the allegation to another investigatory body.

(2) The report shall contain the information and recommendations necessary for appropriate action by the [Commission] BOARD.

(3) On receipt of the report, the [Commission] BOARD shall consider the recommendations made in the report and take the action, including further investigation, that it finds appropriate under this title.