

(2) UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED SPECIFICALLY BY THE COMMISSION, A THIRD PARTY HIRED BY THE COMMISSION MAY NOT RELEASE, PUBLISH, OR OTHERWISE USE ANY INFORMATION TO WHICH THE THIRD PARTY HAS ACCESS UNDER ITS CONTRACT.

~~19-1511.~~ 19-1512.

(A) THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY OVER PLANS, PROPOSALS, AND PROJECTS OF UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE POWER TO DISAPPROVE OR MODIFY ANY DECISION OR DETERMINATION THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES UNDER AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED BY LAW TO THE COMMISSION.

(B) THE POWER OF THE SECRETARY TO TRANSFER BY RULE, REGULATION, OR WRITTEN DIRECTIVE, ANY STAFF, FUNCTIONS, OR FUNDS OF UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY STAFF, FUNCTION, OR FUNDS OF THE COMMISSION.

~~19-1512.~~ 19-1513.

IN ANY MATTER THAT RELATES TO THE UTILIZATION OR COST OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES RENDERED BY ~~PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS,~~ HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS OR OFFICE FACILITIES, THE COMMISSION MAY:

- (1) HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING;
- (2) CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION; OR
- (3) REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY REASONABLE INFORMATION.

~~19-1513.~~ 19-1514.

IF THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS A FURTHER INVESTIGATION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO AUTHENTICATE INFORMATION IN A REPORT THAT A ~~PHYSICIAN, PHARMACIST,~~ HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OR OFFICE FACILITY FILES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY MAKE NECESSARY FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS OR ACCOUNTS OF THE ~~PHYSICIAN, PHARMACIST,~~ HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OR OFFICE FACILITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

~~19-1514.~~ 19-1515.

- (A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSESS A FEE ON:
 - (I) ALL PAYORS; ~~AND~~
 - (II) ~~EXCEPT FOR PHARMACISTS,~~ ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PRACTITIONERS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT DATA TO THE COMMISSION; ~~AND~~
 - (III) AS PERMITTED BY LAW, SELF-INSURED GROUPS.