

(2) "FREESTANDING FACILITY OPERATING MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FACILITY OR SERVICE OWNED OR OPERATED BY A HOSPITAL AND REGULATED UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

(F) (1) "FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY THAT PROVIDES NURSE MIDWIFE SERVICES UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(2) "FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(+) (I) A HOSPITAL REGULATED UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE; OR

(II) THE PRIVATE RESIDENCE OF THE MOTHER; OR

(H) A PRIVATE RESIDENCE.

(G) ~~"HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" MEANS ANY PERSON THAT:~~

~~(+) PROVIDES HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING SURGICAL SERVICES; AND~~

~~(2) IS LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.~~

(G) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION.

(H) (1) "KIDNEY DIALYSIS CENTER" MEANS A FACILITY THAT PROVIDES HEMODIALYSIS OR CHRONIC PERITONEAL DIALYSIS.

(2) "KIDNEY DIALYSIS CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY FACILITY OR SERVICE OWNED OR OPERATED BY A HOSPITAL AND REGULATED UNDER SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS TITLE.

(I) "PAYOR" MEANS:

(1) A HEALTH INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS IN THE STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE OR ARTICLE 48A OF THE CODE;

(2) A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR OR ANY OTHER ENTITY UNDER CONTRACT WITH A MARYLAND BUSINESS TO ADMINISTER HEALTH BENEFITS; OR

(3) A SELF-INSURED GROUP.

(J) "LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(K) "MAJOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT" MEANS:

(1) CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION EQUIPMENT;