

~~establish~~ adopt certain regulations for a certain credentialing primary source verification information system under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-705.1(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-501.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

19-705.1.

(f) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Department shall conduct an external review of the quality of the health services of the health maintenance organization in a manner that the Department considers to be appropriate.

(2) The external review shall be conducted by:

(i) A panel of physicians and other health professionals that consists of persons who:

1. Have been approved by the Department;

2. Have substantial experience in the delivery of health care in a health maintenance organization setting, but who are not members of the health maintenance organization staff or performing professional services for the health maintenance organization; and

3. Reside outside the area serviced by the health maintenance organization;

(ii) The Department; or

(iii) A federally-approved professional standards review organization.