

~~PRACTICE PRIVILEGES, ENTERING INTO CONTRACT, OR SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.~~

(H) ~~"CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION" INCLUDES:~~

- ~~1. A HOSPITAL;~~
- ~~2. A RELATED INSTITUTION; AND~~
- ~~3. A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.~~

(4) (3) "PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION" MEANS A PROCEDURE USED BY A ~~CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION~~ HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THE TRUTH AND ACCURACY OF ~~DOCUMENTS AND~~ OBJECTIVE VERIFIABLE INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE ~~ORGANIZATION~~ HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION BY A PHYSICIAN WHO IS APPLYING FOR PRACTICE PRIVILEGES, ENTERING INTO CONTRACT, OR SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1997, THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ~~ESTABLISHING FOR A~~ CREDENTIALING PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL PHYSICIANS LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(C) ~~IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS AFTER THE SECRETARY REVIEWS THE STANDARDS OF APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING ACCREDITING ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSULTS WITH THE FACULTY, THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:~~

- (1) ~~PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR THE COLLECTION AND RELEASE OF CREDENTIALING~~ PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION INFORMATION;
- (2) INCLUDE STANDARDS BY WHICH ANY ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE FACULTY, MAY QUALIFY TO PERFORM PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION; AND
- (3) PROVIDE FOR THE MONITORING BY THE SECRETARY OF ANY ORGANIZATION THAT QUALIFIES TO ADMINISTER PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION.

(D) THE SECRETARY MAY AUTHORIZE ~~CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATIONS~~ HOSPITALS, RELATED INSTITUTIONS, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO RELY ON ~~CREDENTIALING~~ PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED TO PERFORM PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~THE STANDARDS~~ REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SECRETARY ~~BY REGULATION~~ UNDER THIS SECTION INSTEAD OF REQUIRING A ~~CREDENTIALING ORGANIZATION~~ HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO USE ITS OWN PRIMARY SOURCE VERIFICATION