

CHAPTER 696

(House Bill 775)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Medical Review Committees

FOR the purpose of altering the discoverability and admissibility of the proceedings, records, and files of a medical review committee; ~~providing for the immediate appealability of certain discovery orders concerning the proceedings, records, and files of a medical review committee and the staying of those orders pending appeal;~~ altering the definition of a certain term; and generally relating to medical review committees.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14-501

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

14-501.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Alternative health care system” means a system of health care delivery other than a hospital or related institution.

(ii) “Alternative health care system” includes:

1. A health maintenance organization;
2. A preferred provider organization;
3. An independent practice association; [or]

4. A community health center that is a nonprofit, freestanding ambulatory health care provider governed by a voluntary board of directors and that provides primary health care services to the medically indigent[.]; OR

5. ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT UTILIZES A MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

(3) “Medical review committee” means a committee or board that:

(i) Is within one of the categories described in subsection (b) of this section; and