

CHAPTER 433
(House Bill 582)

AN ACT concerning

Evidence - Health Care Records and Writings

FOR the purpose of altering expanding the definition of the term "health care provider" to include certain health care facilities, agencies, institutions, services, and programs for the purpose of making certain records and writings of the health care facilities, agencies, institutions, services, and programs admissible in certain civil trials without certain testimony; providing that certain evidentiary provisions apply to certain cases originally filed in a circuit court; providing that certain evidentiary provisions do not apply to certain health care malpractice claims; clarifying language; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the admissibility of certain health care records and writings ~~to prove~~ as evidence of certain matters in certain civil trials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-104.

(a) (1) ~~In this section, "health care provider" has the same meaning stated in § 3-2A-01 of this article.~~

(2) ~~"HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" INCLUDES:~~

(I) ~~A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

(II) ~~A RELATED INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;~~

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS:

(1) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 3-2A-01 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) (2) AN AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY;