

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1501 and 19-1508

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

19-1501.

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

(B) "AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-3B-01 OF THIS TITLE.

~~(b)~~ (C) "Commission" means the Maryland Health Care Access and Cost Commission.

~~(c)~~ (D) "Comprehensive standard health benefit plan" means the comprehensive standard health benefit plan adopted in accordance with § 15-1207 of the Insurance Article.

~~(D) "FREESTANDING AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING INDICATED IN § 19-3B-01 OF THIS TITLE.~~

[(d)] (E) (1) "Health care provider" means:

(i) A person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article to provide health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession or in an approved education or training program; or

(ii) A facility where health care is provided to patients or recipients, including a facility as defined in § 10-101(e) of this article, a hospital as defined in § 19-301(f) of this article, a related institution as defined in § 19-301(n) of this article, a health maintenance organization as defined in § 19-701(e) of this article, an outpatient clinic, and a medical laboratory.

(2) "Health care provider" includes the agents and employees of a facility who are licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care, the officers and directors of a facility, and the agents and employees of a health care provider who are licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care.

[(e)] (F) "Health care practitioner" means any person that provides health care services and is licensed under the Health Occupations Article.

[(f)] (G) "Health care service" means any health or medical care procedure or service rendered by a health care practitioner that: