

(iv) Take appropriate steps to restore its ability to provide a service that is provided under a contract;

(v) Cease the enrollment of any additional enrollees except newborn children or other newly acquired dependents or existing enrollees; or

(vi) Cease any advertising or solicitation;

(2) Impose a penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each unlawful act committed;

(3) Suspend [or revoke], REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW the certificate of authority to do business as a health maintenance organization;

(4) SUSPEND, REVOKE, OR REFUSE TO RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF A MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

(5) IMPOSE ANY PENALTY THAT COULD BE IMPOSED ON AN INSURER UNDER § 4-113(D) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE; or

[(4)](6) Apply to any court for legal or equitable relief considered appropriate by the Commissioner or the Department, in accordance with the joint internal procedures.

(B) IF THE COMMISSIONER ISSUES AN ORDER OR IMPOSES ANY PENALTY UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER IMMEDIATELY SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE ORDER OR PENALTY TO THE SECRETARY.

[19-731.

(a) Before the Commissioner or the Department takes any action under § 19-728(a), § 19-729, or § 19-730 of this subtitle, the Commissioner shall give a written notice to the health maintenance organization or its agent or to the officer of the organization who is accused of violating the law, that states specifically the nature of the alleged violation and sets a time, place, and date that a hearing of the matter will be held. The hearing date may not be less than 10 days after the notice.

(b) After the hearing or on failure of the accused to appear at the hearing, and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle, the Commissioner may impose any of the penalties described in § 19-730 of this subtitle that the Commissioner considers advisable.]

19-731.

(A) IF A PERSON VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF § 19-729 §§ 19-705 AND 19-705.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY, IN ADDITION TO ANY ACTION TAKEN UNDER § 19-728(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, MAY:

(1) ISSUE AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER THAT REQUIRES THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO:

(I) CEASE INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT OR PRACTICES BY IT OR ANY OF THE PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY OR ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR