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(a) (1) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Commission under this subtitle may not appeal to the Board of Review but may take a direct judicial appeal.

(2) The appeal shall be made as provided for judicial review of final decisions in the Administrative Procedure Act.

(b) (1) An appeal from a final decision of the Commission under this section shall be taken in the name of the person aggrieved as appellant and against the Commission as appellee.

(2) The Commission is a necessary party to an appeal at all levels of the appeal.

(3) The Commission may appeal any decision that affects any of its final decisions to a higher level for further review.

(4) On grant of leave by the appropriate court, any aggrieved party or interested person may intervene or participate in an appeal at any level.

(c) Any person, government agency, or nonprofit health service plan that contracts with or pays a facility for health care services has standing to participate in Commission hearings and shall be allowed to appeal final decisions of the Commission.

**Article 43C - Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority**  
16A.

(a) In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(1) "Closure costs" means the reasonable costs determined by the Health Services Cost Review Commission to be incurred in connection with the closure or delicensure of a hospital, including expenses of operating the hospital, payments to employees, employee benefits, fees of consultants, insurance, security services, utilities, legal fees, capital costs, costs of terminating contracts with vendors, suppliers of goods and services and others, debt service, contingencies and other necessary or appropriate costs and expenses.

(2) (i) "Public body obligation" means any bond, note, evidence of indebtedness or other obligation for the payment of borrowed money issued by the Authority, any public body as defined in Article 31, § 9 of the Code, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or any municipal corporation subject to the provisions of Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution.

(ii) "Public body obligation" does not include any obligation, or portion of any such obligation, if:

1. The principal of and interest on the obligation or such portion thereof is: