BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-101(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-116.2

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

Article - Health - General

19-101.

- (f) (1) "Health care facility" means:
 - (i) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;
 - (ii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;
 - (iii) An ambulatory surgical facility;
- (iv) An inpatient facility that is organized primarily to help in the rehabilitation of disabled individuals, through an integrated program of medical and other services provided under competent professional supervision;
 - (v) A home health agency, as defined in § 19-401 of this title;
 - (vi) A hospice, as defined in § 19-901 of this title; and
- (vii) Any other health institution, service, or program for which Part I of this subtitle requires a certificate of need.
 - (2) "Health care facility" does not include:
- (i) A hospital or related institution that is operated, or is listed and certified, by the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts;
- (ii) For the purpose of providing an exemption from a certificate of need under § 19-115 of this subtitle, a facility to provide comprehensive care constructed by a provider of continuing care, as defined by Article 70B of the Code, if:
- 1. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER § 19-116.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE facility is for the exclusive use of the provider's subscribers who have executed continuing care agreements for the purpose of utilizing independent living units or [domiciliary care] ASSISTED LIVING UNITS within the continuing care [facility] COMMUNITY;