

SHALL BE TITLED IN THE NAME OF THE NURSING HOME AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AS JOINT OWNERS.

(B) WHEN THE SECRETARY ISSUES THE FINAL DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT:

(1) IF THE DECISION UPHOLDS THE IMPOSITION OF THE FULL CIVIL MONEY PENALTY, THE ESCROW FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE DECISION;

(2) IF THE DECISION UPHOLDS THE IMPOSITION OF A CIVIL PENALTY, BUT REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL PENALTY, THE AMOUNT DUE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RELEASED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH ACCRUED INTEREST WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE DECISION AND THE BALANCE WILL BE RELEASED TO THE NURSING HOME WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE DECISION; OR

(3) IF THE DECISION REVERSES THE IMPOSITION OF THE CIVIL PENALTY, THE ESCROW FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE NURSING HOME WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DECISION.

(C) (1) A HEARING ON THE APPEAL SHALL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROOF WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES UNDER § 19-1404 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) A DECISION SHALL BE RENDERED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING.

(D) A NURSING HOME IS ENTITLED TO A 40% REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL MONEY PENALTY IF IT WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A HEARING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ORDER

~~(D) ANY REMAINING FUNDS SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR TRAINING, GRANT AWARDS, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, OR OTHER PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE.~~

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(A) (1) THERE IS A HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE FUNDED BY CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES PAID BY NURSING HOMES AND OTHER PENALTIES THAT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY MAY ASSESS.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.