

- (4) a facility that is organized primarily to help in the rehabilitation of disabled individuals;
- (5) a home health agency as defined in § 19-401 of the Health – General Article;
- (6) a hospice as defined in § 19-901 of the Health – General Article;
- (7) a facility that provides radiological or other diagnostic imagery services;
- (8) a medical laboratory as defined in § 17-201 of the Health – General Article; or
- (9) an alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment program as defined in § 8-403 of the Health – General Article.

(H) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS:

(1) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) IS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED ~~IN THE STATE~~ TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION; AND

(II) IS A TREATING PROVIDER OF A ~~MEMBER~~ PATIENT; OR

(2) A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

[(f)] (I) "Health care service" means [any] A health or medical CARE procedure or service rendered by a health care provider LICENSED OR AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES that:

(1) provides testing, diagnosis, or treatment of a human disease or dysfunction; ~~or~~

(2) dispenses drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods for the treatment of a human disease or dysfunction; OR

(3) PROVIDES ANY OTHER CARE, SERVICE, OR TREATMENT OF DISEASE OR INJURY, THE CORRECTION OF DEFECTS, OR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING OF HUMAN BEINGS.

(J) "HEALTH CARE SERVICE REVIEWER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS OR PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION.

[(g)] (K) "Private review agent" means:

(1) a nonhospital-affiliated person or entity performing utilization review that is either affiliated with, under contract with, or acting on behalf of:

(i) a Maryland business entity; or