

(2) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH A CONTRACTING PROVIDER THAT HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSIONER.

(C) (1) AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) A REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION EXPIRES 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE THAT THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER MAY CHARGE A REGISTRATION FEE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING THIS SECTION.

(E) THE COMMISSIONER MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION AND § 19-713.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

19-730.

(a) If any person violates any provision of § 19-729 of this subtitle, the Commissioner 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 or associated with it;

(ii) Fulfill its contractual obligations;

(iii) Provide a service that has been denied improperly;

(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) Impose any penalty that could be imposed on an insurer under § 4-113(d) of the Insurance Article.]

(2) IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR REVOKING A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY:

(I) IMPOSE A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN \$100, BUT NOT MORE THAN \$125,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION; AND

(II) ORDER THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION TO PAY RESTITUTION TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED FINANCIAL INJURY BECAUSE OF THE VIOLATION.