

(3) PROVIDE FOR DIFFERENT INSURANCE COVERAGE OR BENEFITS BASED ON RECEIVING THE SERVICE FROM A HEALTH CARE FACILITY OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IN WHICH THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OWNS A SIGNIFICANT BENEFICIAL INTEREST.

(C) A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT OR ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EITHER AFFILIATED WITH, UNDER CONTRACT WITH, OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT MAY REFER A PATIENT WHO HAS UNDERGONE UTILIZATION REVIEW BY THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER REGULATED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE IF:

(1) (I) THE PATIENT OR PROVIDER REQUESTS THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT TO PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH THE NAME OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT; OR

(II) THE PATIENT HAS NO ATTENDING PHYSICIAN; AND

(2) THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT PROVIDES THE PATIENT WITH THE NAMES OF AT LEAST TWO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT.

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(a) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Commissioner in a contested case under this subtitle may take a direct judicial appeal.

(b) The appeal shall be made as provided for the judicial review of final decisions under Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.]

15-10B-18.

(A) A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT SHALL ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER, IN WRITING, OF ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW ITS CERTIFICATE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF INTENTION TO CEASE OPERATIONS AS A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT.

(B) A PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT SHALL SUBMIT ITS CERTIFICATE TO THE ADMINISTRATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THE PRIVATE REVIEW AGENT CEASED OPERATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2001.

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