

licensed or authorized to provide one or more health care services in Maryland. "Health care provider" does not mean any nursing institution conducted by and for those who rely upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.

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(a) (1) In this section[,] THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) ["health"] "HEALTH care provider" means:

[(1)] (I) A health care provider, as defined in § 3-2A-01 of this article;

[(2)] (II) An ambulatory surgical facility;

[(3)] (III) An inpatient facility that is organized primarily in the rehabilitation of disabled persons, through an integrated program of medical and other service provided under competent professional supervision;

[(4)] (IV) A home health agency, as defined in § 19-401 of the Health - General Article; [or]

[(5)] (V) Any health institution, service, or program for which a certificate of need is required under Title 19 of the Health - General Article; OR

(VI) A ~~HEALTH CARE PROVIDER~~ PERSON WHO IS:

1. SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DESCRIBED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. ~~LICENSED AS A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IN REGULATED~~ BY ANOTHER STATE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(3) "STATE" MEANS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(b) (1) The provisions of this section apply only to a claim for:

(i) Damages for personal injury;

(ii) Medical, hospital, or disability benefits under §§ 19-505 and 19-506 of the Insurance Article;

(iii) First party motor vehicle [medical payments] BENEFITS under §§ 19-509 and 19-510 of the Insurance Article; and

(iv) First party health insurance benefits.

(2) This section does not apply to an action for damages filed under Title 3, Subtitle 2A of this article.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, the provisions of this section apply to a proceeding in: