

(9) The reviewer shall review the application, any written comments on the application, and any other materials permitted by this section or by the Commission's regulations, and present a recommended decision on the application to the full Commission.

(10) (i) An applicant and any interested party may request the opportunity to present oral argument to the reviewer, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission, before the reviewer prepares a recommended decision on the application for consideration by the full Commission.

(ii) The reviewer may grant, deny, or impose limitations on an interested party's request to present oral argument to the reviewer.

(11) Any interested party who has submitted written comments under paragraph (7) of this subsection may submit written exceptions to the proposed decision and make oral argument to the Commission, in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission, before the Commission takes final action on the application.

(12) The Commission shall, after determining that the recommended decision is complete, vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application on the basis of the recommended decision, the record before the staff or the reviewer, and exceptions and arguments, if any, before the Commission.

(13) The decision of the Commission shall be by a majority of the quorum present and voting.

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(f) Until the provisions of [§ 19-135] § 19-134 of this subtitle are fully implemented, where appropriate, the Commission may limit the data collection under this section.

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(a) (1) In order to more efficiently establish a medical care data base under [§ 19-134] § 19-133 of this subtitle, the Commission shall establish standards for the operation of one or more medical care electronic claims clearinghouses in Maryland and may license those clearinghouses meeting those standards.

(b) The Commission may collect the medical care claims information submitted to any licensed claims clearinghouse for use in the data base established under [§ 19-134] § 19-133 of this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 19-121 through 19-125.2 and 19-126 through 19-138, respectively, of Article - Health - General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 19-118 through 19-137, respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.