

~~under certain conditions; requiring that the audits be conducted at a certain frequency; authorizing the Department to contract with an entity to perform the audits; requiring the Department to use certain procurement procedures when making certain contracts; requiring audit contracts to include certain items; prohibiting audit contractors from being compensated in a certain manner; requiring audit contractors to complete certain reports on a certain frequency; requiring certain reports to include certain items; authorizing the Secretary to establish certain appeals boards; designating the membership of the appeals boards; authorizing a nursing home to appeal the final report of a third party liability audit within a certain time period; requiring a certain individual within the Department to conduct a certain review of a certain appeal by a nursing home and issue a certain report; authorizing a nursing home to appeal the results of a certain report to the Nursing Home Appeal Board within a certain time period; requiring State general funds recovered through third party liability audits to be deposited into the Account; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations regarding third party liability reviews and audits; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to conduct a study of the Medical Assistance Program eligibility process for nursing home residents; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Human Resources to submit a report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to third party liability reviews and audits of nursing homes.~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article — Health — General~~

~~Section 19-1407(a) and (b)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article — Health — General

Section 19-14A-01 through ~~19-14A-06~~ 19-14A-04, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 14A. Third Party Liability Reviews and Audits of Nursing Homes"

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article - Health - General

~~19-1407.~~

~~(a) (1) There is a Health Care Quality Account established in the Department.~~

~~(2) The Account shall be funded by:~~