

(D) "EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § 2-104 OF THE CODE.

(E) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ~~ARTICLE 41, § 2-104 OF THE CODE § 19-114(E)(1) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(F) (1) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ~~ARTICLE 41, § 2-104 OF THE CODE § 19-114(F) OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(2) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER UNDER § 13-516 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

(G) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" ~~HAS THE MEANING STATED IN ARTICLE 41, § 2-104 OF THE CODE~~ MEANS:

- (1) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY; OR
- (2) A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER.

18-902.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE SECRETARY MAY EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(1) CONTINUOUSLY EVALUATE AND MODIFY EXISTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO DETECT A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;

(2) INVESTIGATE ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL EXPOSURES TO A DEADLY AGENT; AND

(3) ~~MINIMIZE POTENTIAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY CAUSED BY A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY~~ TREAT, PREVENT, OR REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE OR OUTBREAK BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT.

18-903.

(A) (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, MAY REQUIRE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT CONTINGENCY PLANS ADDRESSING:

- (I) STAFF TRAINING NEEDS;
- (II) STOCKPILING OF EQUIPMENT, MEDICATION, AND SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO ADDRESS A CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY;
- (III) TREATMENT AND DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOLS;
- (IV) THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES; AND