

~~(i) is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care services in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession; and~~

~~(ii) is a treating provider of a patient; or~~

~~(2) a hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of the Health General Article.~~

~~[(i)] (J) "Health care service" means a health or medical care procedure or service rendered by a health care provider licensed or authorized to provide health care services that:~~

~~(1) provides testing, diagnosis, or treatment of a human disease or dysfunction;~~

~~(2) dispenses drugs, medical devices, medical appliances, or medical goods for the treatment of a human disease or dysfunction; or~~

~~(3) provides any other care, service, or treatment of disease or injury, the correction of defects, or the maintenance of the physical and mental well being of human beings.~~

~~[(j)] (K) "Health care service reviewer" means an individual who is licensed or otherwise authorized to provide health care services in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.~~

~~[(k)] (L) "Private review agent" means:~~

~~(1) a nonhospital affiliated person or entity performing utilization review that is either affiliated with, under contract with, or acting on behalf of:~~

~~(i) a Maryland business entity; or~~

~~(ii) a third party that pays for, provides, or administers health care services to citizens of this State; or~~

~~(2) any person or entity including a hospital-affiliated person performing utilization review for the purpose of making claims or payment decisions for health care services on behalf of the employer's or labor union's health insurance plan under an employee assistance program for employees other than the employees employed by:~~

~~(i) the hospital; or~~

~~(ii) a business wholly owned by the hospital.~~

~~[(l)] (M) "Significant beneficial interest" means the ownership of any financial interest that is greater than the lesser of:~~

~~(1) 5 percent of the whole; or~~

~~(2) \$5,000.~~