

~~private review agent from disclosing that information to certain other persons; prohibiting a private review agent or any individual who is either affiliated with, under contract with, or acting on behalf of a private review agent from referring certain patients to certain providers, practices, and health care facilities for a certain period of time; prohibiting a private review agent or any individual who is affiliated with, under contract with, or acting on behalf of a private review agent from paying or agreeing to pay any sum to any person for certain purposes or accepting or agreeing to accept any sum from any person for certain purposes; prohibiting a private review agent or certain other individuals from approving or failing to approve a course of treatment based on a certain fact; specifying that the prohibition on referral does not apply to certain private review agents; providing a certain exception; authorizing the Secretary to ~~adopt certain regulations~~ impose a certain penalty; defining certain terms; and generally relating to health care utilization review.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1301, ~~19-1305, 19-1307,~~ and 19-1312

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-1305 and 19-1307

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section ~~19-1307.1~~ and 19-1311.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

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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

19-1301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(B) "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" MEANS:

(1) A HOSPITAL AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) A RELATED INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE;