

19-3A-02.

The Department shall adopt regulations for certifying a freestanding medical facility that uses in its title or advertising the words "emergency", "urgent care", or parts of those words or other language indicating to the public that medical treatment for immediately life-threatening medical conditions is available at that freestanding medical facility, which shall include the following standards:

(7) Specific defined role in Emergency Medical Services System with appropriate telephone communication; [and]

(8) Availability of emergency services to all persons regardless of ability to pay;

(9) ADOPTION, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF A POLICY THAT REQUIRES, EXCEPT IN AN EMERGENCY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION WHERE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE OR PRACTICABLE, COMPLIANCE BY ALL EMPLOYEES AND MEDICAL STAFF INVOLVED IN PATIENT CARE SERVICES WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS; AND

(10) DISPLAY OF THE NOTICE DEVELOPED UNDER § 1-207 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY.

19-3A-05.

(A) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

(B) IF A FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 19-3A-02(9) AND (10) OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE ~~THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES:~~

~~(1) DECERTIFICATION OF THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY; OR~~

~~(2) A FINE OF UP TO \$500 PER DAY PER VIOLATION FOR EACH DAY A VIOLATION CONTINUES.~~

19-705.3.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION" MEANS A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION WHERE HEALTH CARE SERVICES ARE DELIVERED BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO SUBSCRIBERS AT A CENTRAL FACILITY OR CENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO: