

GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS IS NOT COMPLYING WITH THOSE PROVISIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REFER THAT SUSPECTED VIOLATION TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S LICENSING BOARD.

(O) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AUTHORITY THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXERCISE UNDER THIS TITLE, IF, AS A RESULT OF THE EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT A AN EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF INVOLVED IN PATIENT CARE SERVICES OF THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, OR FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER IS NOT COMPLYING WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REFER THAT SUSPECTED VIOLATION TO:

~~(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; AND~~

~~(2) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, OR FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER.~~

(2) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER AUTHORITY THE COMMISSIONER MAY EXERCISE UNDER THIS TITLE, IF, AS A RESULT OF THE EXERCISE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER HAS REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, OR FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER IS DEMONSTRATING A WILLFUL AND SYSTEMATIC DISREGARD FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL'S GUIDELINES ON UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REFER THAT SUSPECTED VIOLATION TO:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE; AND

(II) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY, OR FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health Occupations**

14-404.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its full authorized membership, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee: