

(3) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

15-702.

Subject to the evaluation and reestablishment provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, this title and all regulations adopted under this title shall terminate and be of no effect after July 1, [1993] 2003.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1992.

Approved May 26, 1992.

CHAPTER 581

(House Bill 987)

AN ACT concerning

Utilization Review

FOR the purpose of eliminating the requirement that a hospital, as a condition of licensure, have a utilization review program that includes the requirement of an objective second opinion before a nonemergency admission; altering the information that a private review agent must submit to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in conjunction with an application for a certificate to conduct utilization review in this State; requiring a private review agent to submit certain revisions and modifications to the Secretary under certain circumstances; requiring private review agents to submit the policies and procedures to ensure that the private review agent has a certain program for the orientation and training of certain personnel to the Secretary; requiring private review agents to submit a certain list and certification that certain criteria and standards meet certain requirements to the Secretary; requiring private review agents to make certain determinations within a certain time period and to promptly notify certain attending health care providers and patients under certain circumstance of those determinations; requiring a private review agent to provide certain information on written request to certain persons and facilities; authorizing a private review agent to charge a certain fee to certain persons and facilities; requiring certain private review agents to meet certain conditions when making certain adverse decisions; requiring certain private review agents to meet certain conditions in the event a patient or health care provider seeks reconsideration or appeal of certain adverse decisions by a private review agent; prohibiting a private review agent from charging a certain fee; prohibiting a private review agent from rendering an adverse decision under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain review and study; and generally relating to utilization review.