

Article - Health - General

19-207.2.

The Commission shall assess a fee on all hospitals whose rates have been approved by the Commission to pay for:

(1) [Any] THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (J) OF § 16A OF ARTICLE 43C OF THE CODE WITH RESPECT TO public body [obligation, bond, or note] OBLIGATIONS OR CLOSURE COSTS of a closed or delicensed hospital [pursuant to] AS DEFINED IN Article 43C, § 16A of the Code; and

(2) Funding the Hospital Employees Retraining Fund.

19-219.

(g) (1) The State Health Services Cost Review Commission shall provide incentives for merger, consolidation, and conversion and for the implementation of the institution-specific plan developed by the Health Resources Planning Commission.

(2) Notwithstanding any of the provisions in this section, on notification of a merger or consolidation by 2 or more hospitals, the Commission shall review the rates of those hospitals that are directly involved in the merger or consolidation in accordance with the rate review and approval procedures provided in § 19-217 of this subtitle and the regulations of the Commission.

(3) The Commission may provide, as appropriate, for temporary adjustment of the rates of those hospitals that are directly involved in the merger or consolidation, closure, or delicensure in order to provide sufficient funds for an orderly transition. These funds may include:

(i) Allowances for those employees who are or would be displaced;

(ii) Allowances to permit a surviving institution in a merger to generate capital to convert a closed facility to an alternate use; [or]

(iii) ANY OTHER CLOSURE COSTS AS DEFINED IN § 16A OF ARTICLE 43C OF THE CODE; OR

(IV) Agreements to allow retention of a portion of the savings that result for a designated period of time.

Article 43C - Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority

16A.

(a) In this section, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "CLOSURE COSTS" MEANS THE REASONABLE COSTS DETERMINED BY THE HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION TO BE INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CLOSURE OR DELICENSURE OF A HOSPITAL, INCLUDING EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE HOSPITAL,