

15-10B-12.

The [Secretary] COMMISSIONER may waive the requirements of this subtitle for a private review agent that operates solely under contract with the federal government for utilization review of patients eligible for hospital services under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

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The [Secretary] COMMISSIONER shall periodically provide a list of private review agents issued certificates and the renewal date for those certificates to:

- (1) ~~The Maryland Chamber of Commerce;~~
- (2) ~~The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland;~~
- (3) ~~The Maryland Hospital Association;~~
- (4) ~~All hospital utilization review programs; and~~
- (5) ~~Any other business or labor organization requesting the list~~ TO ANY PERSON ON REQUEST.

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The [Secretary] COMMISSIONER may establish reporting requirements to:

- (1) Evaluate the effectiveness of private review agents; and
- (2) Determine if the utilization review programs are in compliance with the provisions of this section and applicable regulations.

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(b) (1) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the [Secretary] COMMISSIONER may impose an administrative penalty of up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$5,000 for a violation of any provision of this subtitle.

(2) The [Secretary] COMMISSIONER shall adopt regulations to provide standards for the imposition of an administrative penalty under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

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(a) Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the [Secretary] COMMISSIONER in a contested case under this subtitle may take a direct judicial appeal.

#### SUBTITLE 10C. MEDICAL DIRECTORS.

15-10C-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.