

Planning Commission, determines that the health care entity is needed to ensure appropriate access for the community to the services provided at the health care entity;

(6) A health care practitioner employed or affiliated with a hospital, who refers a patient to a health care entity that is owned or controlled by a hospital or under common ownership or control with a hospital if the health care practitioner does not have a direct beneficial interest in the health care entity;

(7) A health care practitioner or member of a single specialty group practice, including any person employed or affiliated with a hospital, who has a beneficial interest in a health care entity that is owned or controlled by a hospital or under common ownership or control with a hospital if:

(i) The health care practitioner or other member of that single specialty group practice provides the health care services to a patient pursuant to a referral or in accordance with a consultation requested by another health care practitioner who does not have a beneficial interest in the health care entity; or

(ii) The health care practitioner or other member of that single specialty group practice referring a patient to the facility, service, or entity personally performs or supervises the health care service or procedure; [or]

(8) A health care practitioner with a beneficial interest in, or compensation arrangement with, a hospital or related institution as defined in § 19-301 of the Health - General Article or a facility, service, or other entity that is owned or controlled by a hospital or related institution or under common ownership or control with a hospital or related institution if:

(i) The beneficial interest was held or the compensation arrangement was in existence on January 1, 1993; and

(ii) Thereafter the beneficial interest or compensation arrangement of the health care practitioner does not increase; OR

(9) ~~A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO, WHEN TREATING A KIDNEY DISEASE PROGRAM RECIPIENT AS DEFINED IN § 13-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE, REFERS THE RECIPIENT TO AN OUTPATIENT DIALYSIS FACILITY, REGARDLESS OF THE PRACTITIONER'S INTEREST IN OR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE FACILITY~~ REFERS A PATIENT TO A DIALYSIS FACILITY, IF THE PATIENT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH END STAGE RENAL DISEASE AS DEFINED IN THE MEDICARE REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.