

DIRECTLY RELATE TO EXPERT SERVICES FOR MALPRACTICE CLAIMS IS A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL, OR COMPARABLY LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION, KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE ACCEPTED STANDARD OF CARE IN THE SAME DISCIPLINE AS THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL AGAINST WHOM A CLAIM IS FILED.

(2) "QUALIFIED EXPERT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- (I) A PARTY TO THE CLAIM;
- (II) AN EMPLOYEE OR PARTNER OF A PARTY;
- (III) AN EMPLOYEE OR STOCKHOLDER OF A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION OF WHICH A PARTY IS A STOCKHOLDER; OR
- (IV) A PERSON HAVING A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THE CLAIM.

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(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, A CLAIM SHALL BE DISMISSED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, IF THE CLAIMANT FAILS TO FILE A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT WITH THE COURT.

(2) A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT SHALL:

(I) CONTAIN A STATEMENT FROM A QUALIFIED EXPERT ATTESTING THAT THE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL AGAINST WHOM THE CLAIM IS FILED FAILED TO MEET AN APPLICABLE STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF CARE;

(II) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, BE FILED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE CLAIM IS FILED OR WITHIN THE PERIOD OF TIME PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION, WHICHEVER IS LATER; AND

(III) BE SERVED ON ALL OTHER PARTIES TO THE CLAIM OR THE PARTIES' ATTORNEYS OF RECORD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES.

~~(B) UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE CLAIMANT, THE COURT MAY GRANT AN EXTENSION OF NO MORE THAN 90 DAYS FOR FILING THE CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT, IF:~~

~~(1) THE CLAIMANT FAILED TO FILE THE CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE CLAIM WAS FILED, AND~~

~~(2) THE FAILURE TO FILE THE CERTIFICATE WAS NEITHER WILLFUL NOR THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE.~~

~~(C) (1) UPON WRITTEN REQUEST BY THE CLAIMANT AND A FINDING OF GOOD CAUSE BY THE COURT, THE COURT:~~

~~(i) SHALL ALLOW THE CLAIMANT TO REQUEST, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE CLAIM IS FILED, DOCUMENTARY INFORMATION THAT WOULD~~