

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality

Notification: Opportunity to Comment

In compliance with the Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act, State Government Article, §§10-130 - 10-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Office of Health Care Quality is currently planning on reviewing and evaluating the regulations listed in the schedule below. The schedule includes regulations for which the review process has not yet started. Links for the submission of comments will appear on the OHCQ website when the comment period is opened on or about the dates listed below.

The purpose of the review and evaluation is to determine whether existing regulations continue to accomplish the purposes for which they were adopted, clarify ambiguous or unclear language, and repeal any obsolete or duplicative provisions.

The Office of Health Care Quality would like to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to participate in the review and evaluation process by submitting comments on the regulations. Online comments may be submitted through the Office of Health Care website, <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/Regulations-for-Informal-Comments.aspx>.

**December 1, 2015 through March 11, 2016**

10.07.02 Comprehensive Care Facilities and Extended Care Facilities

**March 25, 2016 through May 13, 2016**

10.07.14 Assisted Living Programs

**April 18, 2016 through May 31, 2016**

10.05.02 Freestanding Birthing Centers  
10.05.05 Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facilities  
10.05.01 General Requirements  
10.07.11 Health Maintenance Organizations  
10.07.12 Health Care Facilities within Correctional Institutions

**June 6, 2016 through July 15, 2016**

10.07.18 Comprehensive Rehabilitation Facilities  
10.05.03 Freestanding Major Medical Equipment Facilities  
10.07.07 Nursing Referral Service Agencies  
10.07.04 Related Institutions—Res. Treatment Centers for Emotionally Disturbed Children and Adolescents

**August 12, 2016 through September 23, 2016**

10.07.01 Acute General Hospitals and Special Hospitals  
10.07.06 Hospital Patient Safety Program  
10.07.08 Freestanding Medical Facilities  
10.07.21 Hospice Care Programs  
10.07.10 Home Health Agencies  
10.07.17 Limited Service Hospital

**January 9, 2017 through March 31, 2017**

10.07.09 Residents' Bill of Rights: Comprehensive Care Facilities and Extended Care Facilities

The above regulations can be reviewed on the DHMH website under "Open Requests for Comments" or through the link provided above. Kindly return comments by close of business on the designated date. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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