

(5) Evaluates and provides assistance to any provider of dental care in need of treatment and rehabilitation for alcoholism, drug abuse, chemical dependency, or other physical, emotional, or mental condition.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the proceedings, records, and files of a dental review committee are not discoverable and are not admissible in evidence in any civil action arising out of matters that are being reviewed and evaluated by the dental review committee.

(e) Subsection (d) of this section does not apply to:

(1) A civil action brought by a party to the proceedings of the dental review committee who claims to be aggrieved by the decision of the dental review committee; or

(2) Any record or document that is considered by the dental review committee and that otherwise would be subject to discovery and introduction into evidence in a civil trial.

(f) A person who acts in good faith and within the scope of jurisdiction of a dental review committee is not civilly liable for any action as a member of the dental review committee or for giving information to, participating in, or contributing to the function of the dental review committee.

4-501.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE" MEANS THE COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION THAT EVALUATES AND PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROVIDER OF DENTAL CARE IN NEED OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR ALCOHOLISM, DRUG ABUSE, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, OR OTHER PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, OR MENTAL CONDITION.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MARYLAND STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY.

(2) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE MARYLAND DENTAL SOCIETY.

~~(C) THE ACTIONS OF THE DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) THE BOARD SHALL FUND THE BUDGET OF THE DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN § 4-207 OF THIS TITLE.

~~(E)~~ (D) THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR SHALL AUDIT THE ACCOUNTS AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE DENTIST REHABILITATION COMMITTEE AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.