

(3) A DECISION SHALL BE RENDERED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING.

(D) A NURSING HOME IS ENTITLED TO A 40% REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF THE CIVIL MONEY PENALTY IF IT WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO A HEARING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ORDER.

(D) ANY REMAINING FUNDS SHALL BE UTILIZED FOR TRAINING, GRANT AWARDS, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, OR OTHER PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE.

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(A) (1) THERE IS A HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE FUNDED BY CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES PAID BY NURSING HOMES AND OTHER PENALTIES THAT THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY MAY ASSESS.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY ALL PENALTIES COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE.

(4) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER THIS TITLE TO THE HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT.

(5) THE FUND IS A CONTINUING NONLAPSING FUND, NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(6) ANY UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REVERTED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE, BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) THE HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT SHALL BE USED FOR TRAINING, GRANT AWARDS, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, OR OTHER PURPOSES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH CARE QUALITY ACCOUNT.