

Utilization Review Methods for
Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care Facilities
Excluding Intermediate Care Facilities for
The Mentally Retarded

Peer Review Organization's Review

The District of Columbia's Single State Agency is deemed to have satisfied the requirements of utilization control as specified in 42 CFR Part 456 in accordance with the option specified in Section 1902(d) of the Social Security Act.

The Single State Agency has entered into a letter contract with the Delmarva Foundation for Medical Care, Inc., the designated Peer Review Organization (PRO) under Part B of Title XI to perform as Utilization Control Agent and conduct review of Medicaid services. This review is conducted as specified in the Formal Plan for utilization control for the District of Columbia. The PRO will perform admission review, continued stay review, and Inspection of Care in each District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia long term care facility providing Intermediate or Skilled Facility services reimbursed by the District of Columbia Medical Assistance Program. The PRO will assess the appropriateness of the level of care placement, and the quality of care.

The decision of the PRO is binding for payment purposes, except that adverse decisions may be appealed to the Single State Agency and in accordance with the law, the individual also has the right to a fair hearing by the Single State Agency's Office of Fair Hearings.

Utilization Review Method for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded - Direct Review by Personnel in Medical Assistance Unit

Staff in the Department of Human Services' Office of the Controller's Office of Health Financing's Surveillance and Utilization Branch is responsible for performing utilization review functions in Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded and for insuring that the requirements of 42 CFR Part 456 - Subparts F and I are met as they pertain to ICF/MRS.

Office of Health Care Financing's staff is supplemented as needed by the staff from the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration.