

~~(V) A PLEADING CONCERNING A CLAIM MAY INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THE MATTER IN CONTROVERSY IS WITHIN ONE OR MORE PARTICULAR RECOGNIZED SPECIALTIES.~~

~~(VI) EACH CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT.~~

~~(VII) 1. THE CLERK OF THE COURT SHALL FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE A COPY OF EACH CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~2. IF THE CLAIM IS AGAINST A PHYSICIAN, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF EACH CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT CONCERNS THE PHYSICIAN.~~

~~{(2)}(3)~~ A third-party claim shall be filed within 30 days of the response of the third-party claimant to the original claim unless the parties consent to a later filing or a later filing is allowed by the panel chairman OR THE COURT, AS THE CASE MAY BE, for good cause shown.

~~{(3)}(4)~~ A claimant may not add a new defendant after the arbitration panel has been selected, or 10 days after the prehearing conference has been held, whichever is later.

~~{(4)}(5)~~ Until all costs attributable to the first filing have been satisfied, a claimant may not file a second claim on the same or substantially the same grounds against any of the same parties.

(b) Unless the sole issue in the claim is lack of informed consent:

~~(1) (I) 1. A PARTY SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION FOR EACH DEFENDANT.~~

~~(1) (i) 1. 2.~~ Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a claim OR ACTION filed after July 1, 1986, shall be dismissed, without prejudice, ~~AS TO A DEFENDANT~~ if the claimant OR PLAINTIFF fails to file ~~FOR EACH THAT DEFENDANT~~ a certificate of a qualified expert ~~{with the Director}~~ attesting to departure from standards of care, and that the departure from standards of care is the proximate cause of the alleged injury, within 90 days from the date of the complaint;

~~2. 2.~~ The claimant OR PLAINTIFF shall serve a copy of the certificate on all other parties to the claim OR ACTION or their attorneys of record in accordance with the Maryland Rules; AND

(ii) In lieu of dismissing the claim OR ACTION, the panel chairman OR THE COURT shall grant an extension of no more than 90 days for filing the certificate required by this paragraph, if:

1. The limitations period applicable to the claim OR ACTION has expired; and