

Maryland Court of Appeals Affirms Board's Declaratory Ruling 2006-1
Self-Referral of MRI Scans

The Maryland self-referral law prohibits a health care practitioner from referring a patient to another health care entity in which the health care practitioner has a financial interest. This is a complicated law with many exceptions. The Board of Physicians issued a declaratory ruling in 2006 addressing particular fact patterns of alleged self-referrals, with the intent of indicating the Board's view on the propriety of certain referrals. The Board's ruling on MRI scans was appealed and has now been affirmed by Maryland's highest court, the Maryland Court of Appeals. [Click here for a link to the Court of Appeals ruling.](#)