

[23 R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-15-11.]

§ 23-15-11. Reports, use of experts, all costs and expenses: Health Care Certificate of Need Act of Rhode Island

The state agency may in effectuating the purposes of this chapter engage experts or consultants including, but not limited to, actuaries, investment bankers, accountants, attorneys, or industry analysts. Except for privileged or confidential communications between the state agency and engaged attorneys, all copies of final reports prepared by experts and consultants, and all costs and expenses associated with the reports, shall be public. All costs and expenses incurred under this provision shall be the responsibility of the applicant in an amount to be determined by the director as he or she shall deem appropriate. No application made pursuant to the requirements of this chapter shall be considered complete unless an agreement has been executed with the director for the payment of all costs and expenses in accordance with this section. The maximum cost and expense to an applicant for experts and/or consultants that may be required by the state agency shall be twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); provided however, that the maximum amount shall be increased by regulations promulgated by the state agency on or after January 1, 2008 by the most recently available annual increase in the federal consumer price index as determined by the state agency.