TIPS ON SEARCHING COMAR:

1. Each regulation is assigned a unique four-part codification number, for example, COMAR 09.12.01.02, represents title number, subtitle, chapter, and regulation.

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Title	Subtitle	Chapter	Regulation	Section	Subsection	Paragraph	Subparagraph

2. To best decide which Search Option to use:

> a. We suggest using "**Search Option 1**" (search all of COMAR) for general searches where you are not sure which title/agency to search or the codification number. This option will return your largest number of results. Scroll through the excerpts until you find the topic you are looking for. Click on the hyperlink for the full text.
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> > i. If you use this option to search for all the regulations in a chapter by entering the codification as shown, 09.12.01* in the results you see the codification numbers that are not a part of that chapter, these results are where the codification number you are searching for is cross-referenced. These results are listed first. Scroll down the page until you find the regulations for that chapter.
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> b. We suggest using "**Search Option 2**" (search by Title) if you know the title/agency but not the codification numbers. This option will narrow down the number of your search results.
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> c. We suggest using "**Search Option 3**" (table of contents) if you are looking to view all the regulations within a specific chapter, or subtitle. This option is set up in a table of contents structure which will allow you to view each subtitle and chapter within the Title. When using this option, the search results will only return regulations within the chapter.

3. Search Options 1 and 2 are very specific, it WILL NOT return any documents if you put in more than the codification number. Eg. 09.12.01.02(B). ONLY enter the regulation number.

4. You can conduct a search for a particular word or phrase if you don't know the codification number. Try to be as generic as possible in your word search. The agency may not use the term you are searching for. Try other variations of the word. Eg. nursing homes are referred to as Comprehensive Care Facilities and Extended Care Facilities.

5. Results ending in "00" are Title pages ONLY. There is no other text on this page. If you wish to view all the regulations for a particular chapter, follow the instructions in step 2. We also suggest using Search Option 3 as it will only return the results for that particular chapter.

7. If you are looking to see when a particular regulation or chapter became effective, this information is contained with the Administrative History. This file is identified by ".9999" within the codification structure. Eg. 09.12.01.9999. Review the whole document. It is structured by regulation number and then chapter revisions.

Sample page:

   10.06.06.9999

   Administrative History

   Effective date:

   Regulations .01—.08 adopted as an emergency provision effective September 30, 1988 (15:22 Md. R. 2547); emergency status expired March 29, 1989; adopted permanently effective May 1, 1989 (16:8 Md. R. 909)

   Regulation .02B amended effective December 20, 1993 (20:25 Md. R. 1947)

   Regulation .04B amended effective December 20, 1993 (20:25 Md. R. 1947)

   Regulation .06B amended effective December 20, 1993 (20:25 Md. R. 1947)

   Regulation .07C amended effective December 20, 1993 (20:25 Md. R. 1947)

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   Regulations .01—.07 repealed and new Regulations .01—.07 adopted effective September 1, 2004 (31:16 Md. R. 1254)

   Regulation .02B amended effective November 6, 2006 (33:22 Md. R. 1732)

   Regulation .04 amended effective November 6, 2006 (33:22 Md. R. 1732)

   Regulation .06A amended effective November 6, 2006 (33:22 Md. R. 1732)

   Regulation .07 amended effective November 6, 2006 (33:22 Md. R. 1732)

8. A common mistake is people are confusing the Annotated Code of Maryland with the Code of Maryland Regulations. If your search term has a number like §1-101 this is the Annotated Code of Maryland. Please visit http://mlis.state.md.us This is the General Assembly's website. Our codification number looks like 09.12.01.01 — .9999

9. Each regulation is a separate document. You MUST open each regulation individually. Click the back button to return to the search results.