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- (a) (1) There is a Health Care Quality Account established in the Department.
- (2) The Health Care Quality Account shall be funded by civil money penalties paid by nursing homes and other penalties that the Office of Health Care Quality may assess.
- (3) The Department shall pay all penalties collected under this title to the Comptroller of the State.
- (4) The Comptroller shall distribute the funds collected under this title to the Health Care Quality Account.
- (5) The Health Care Quality Account is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- (6) Any unspent portions of the Health Care Quality Account may not be transferred or reverted to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Health Care Quality Account to be used for the purposes specified in this section.
- (b) The Health Care Quality Account shall be used for training, grant awards, demonstration projects, or other purposes designed to improve the quality of care.
- (c) The Department shall adopt regulations for the distribution of funds from the Health Care Quality Account.

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