

281—37.5(280) Decision; effective date.

37.5(1) In reaching a decision on the complaint, the director will consider information gathered by the mediation team and its recommendation as well as the written and oral testimony from the hearing. In addition, the director or the director's designee may consult with other individuals, organizations, or conference representatives able to provide input on a decision. If a designee of the director conducts the hearing and review process, the findings of the designee shall be reviewed by the director. A final decision on the complaint will be made by the director. The decision may affect conference realignment or direct other appropriate relief to remedy the complaint. The director will make a decision within 60 days of the hearing, and copies of the decision will be provided to all affected parties.

37.5(2) If the decision results in conference realignment, the date of this change shall be made with deference given to existing contracts and commitments. Alignment changes will be made for four-year periods with automatic review by the director after two years so that further necessary changes take effect at the conclusion of the four-year period, unless agreement exists that implementation of the changes can occur at an earlier date.

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