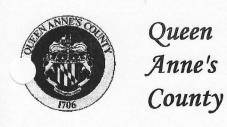
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION



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The Commission considered the facts provided regarding a County Department Head's relationship with the benefit service provider for the County and using that same service provider for their other family members and would this be a violation of the Queen Anne's County Public Ethics Law.

The Commission determined that this relationship does create an appearance of conflict of interest, in violation of §8-11 (A) 7. The Commission determined that it a reasonably informed person could infer that the employee "could" leverage influence with the County to receive a more favorable outcome for services for your family members.

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