

include a certain statement in a certain manner relating to the assessment of a certain interest; defining a certain term; and generally relating to when interest may be assessed on charges for services provided by a nursing home to a resident.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-352  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1990 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Health - General**

19-352.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "NURSING HOME" MEANS A RELATED INSTITUTION THAT IS CLASSIFIED AS A NURSING HOME.

(B) A NURSING HOME MAY NOT ASSESS AN INTEREST PENALTY ON CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO A RESIDENT UNTIL, WHICHEVER IS LATER IN TIME:

(1) 45 DAYS AFTER THE NURSING HOME MAILES AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF THE CHARGES TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE CHARGES; OR

(2) 30 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF THE CHARGES COVERS.

~~(C) AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE PAST PAYMENT IS DUE, A NURSING HOME SHALL SEND BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAST DUE PAYMENT OF THE CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO A RESIDENT A REMINDER THAT PAST PAYMENT IS DUE AND THE DATE THE PAYMENT IS DUE WITHOUT INTEREST.~~

(C) THE NURSING HOME SHALL INCLUDE ON THE ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHARGES A STATEMENT IN BOLD AND CONSPICUOUS PRINT AS TO WHEN INTEREST MAY BE ASSESSED CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved May 29, 1990.