

CARE FACILITIES and to provide opportunities for elderly persons in nursing homes, [or other] State institutions, OR GENERAL AND SPECIAL HOSPITALS to be discharged from such institutions, and shall serve only those elderly persons who otherwise would be eligible for care in nursing homes, [or other] State institutions, OR OTHER LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES under present applicable State and federal law.

717B.

As used in this subtitle:

(1) "Day-care center for the elderly" means a place operated for the purpose of providing care for the elderly, with or without charging a fee, and includes a place designated for group care for four or more persons at least 60 years of age or a family home providing care for two or three persons at least 60 years of age.

(2) "Elderly" means a person 60 years of age or older who EITHER lives ALONE OR WHO LIVES with his or her spouse, his or her child, a family relative, or friend, but [who] requires temporary supervision and care during [the absence of such spouse, child, family relative or friend from the home or place of residence of the person] A PART OF HIS OR HER DAY.

717C.

(c) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Employment and Social Services shall negotiate the purchase of day-care services for the elderly from public or private agencies. These services must be necessary and essential to maximize the functioning and well-being of the elderly, and shall include, but not be limited to, (1) therapeutic arts and crafts; (2) community excursions, WHERE APPROPRIATE; (3) hobby cultivation; (4) [medical] HEALTH services; (5) counseling services for the elderly and their families; (6) group dynamics; and (7) other services that enhance social functioning and develop activities in daily living and personal independence.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

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