

CATEGORIES OF PATIENTS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REQUIRE INITIAL OR CONTINUED HOSPITALIZATION IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH SERVICE ON A HOME CARE BASIS WAS NOT AVAILABLE. HOME HEALTH SERVICES MAY NOT BE PROVIDED TO OR WITHHELD FROM THE PATIENT ON THE BASIS OF AGE, SEX, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SOURCE PAYMENT. ]]

TO OBTAIN VALID LICENSURE, THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE HOME HEALTH SERVICE, UNDER THE DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, TO PATIENTS WHO ARE DEEMED TO REQUIRE INITIAL OR CONTINUED HOSPITALIZATION, OR WHO, IN LIEU OF HOSPITALIZATION, MAY BE CARED FOR AT HOME AS A PRESCRIBED LEVEL OF CARE. HOME HEALTH SERVICES MAY NOT BE WITHHELD FROM THE PATIENT ON THE BASIS OF AGE, SEX, COLOR, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SOURCE OF PAYMENT, OR ABILITY TO PAY. NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE CARE OF THE SICK WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR PERSONAL PROFIT WHEN DONE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRACTICE OF THE RELIGIOUS TENETS OF ANY CHURCH BY ADHERENTS THEREOF.

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THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATED HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS IS TO AVOID INSTITUTIONALIZATION IF POSSIBLE, TO SHORTEN THE LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAYS, TO SPEED RECOVERY, AND TO BRIDGE THE GAP IN COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES FOR PATIENTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 4, 1976.

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CHAPTER 250

(Senate Bill 74)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Cases - Appointment of Counsel for Minors

FOR the purpose of providing for the appointment by the court of attorneys for minors in certain domestic cases in which the issue of custody, visitation rights, or the amount of support is contested and providing for the award of counsel fees; and providing that an attorney appointed by the court may not represent any party to the action.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings