

AN ACT concerning

Home Health Care Agencies

FOR the purpose of extending certain health provisions to include home health care agencies; and providing definitions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
Section 556(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 556(a) and (d) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

556.

(a) The jurisdiction of this law includes all "hospitals" and "related institutions" to which are admitted or retained in residence for overnight care OR WHICH PROVIDE DIRECTLY OR THROUGH CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS [[ORGANIZED]] HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR two [(2)] or more nonrelated individuals needing medical, nursing, personal, or domiciliary care as described and classified in this section except that in the case of homes offering domiciliary care only, the jurisdiction begins with homes having four or more nonrelated individuals but this law [shall] MAY not be construed to include any dispensary or first-aid treatment facilities maintained solely for and limited to services for employees or students of any commercial or industrial plant, educational institution, or convent, county home or almshouse, motels, hotels, apartments and facilities maintaining services for persons capable of independent living.

(d) (1) "Related institutions" as [herein] used UNDER THIS SUBTITLE is defined as any organized institution, environment, or home which falls within the jurisdiction of this subtitle and maintains conditions or facilities and equipment for "domiciliary," "personal" or "nursing" services for nonrelated individuals who are not gainfully employed and who are dependent on the administrator, operator or proprietor for nursing care or the subsistence of daily living in a safe, sanitary and healthful environment.