

under the new subtitle "Day-Care Centers for
Medically Handicapped Adults"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 717G through ~~717K~~ 717J, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Day-Care Centers for Medically Handicapped Adults" be and they are hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

DAY-CARE CENTERS FOR MEDICALLY
HANDICAPPED ADULTS

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DAY-CARE CENTERS AND SERVICES IN THE STATE FOR MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS THAT WILL GIVE THESE ADULTS THE CHANCE TO REMAIN WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, RATHER THAN BEING PLACED IN NURSING HOMES OR STATE INSTITUTIONS, AND TO ALLOW THE STATE OF MARYLAND TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY AND ECONOMICALLY WITH THE NEEDS OF ITS MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULT CITIZENS. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT DAY-CARE CENTERS AND SERVICES FOR MEDICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS SHALL BE UTILIZED: (1) TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE UNNECESSARY COMMITMENT OF SUCH PERSONS TO NURSING HOMES, STATE INSTITUTIONS, OR OTHER LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; (2) TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH ADULTS IN NURSING HOMES, STATE INSTITUTIONS, OR GENERAL AND SPECIAL HOSPITALS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM THESE INSTITUTIONS; AND (3) TO SERVE ONLY THOSE ADULTS WHO OTHERWISE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR CARE IN NURSING HOMES, STATE INSTITUTIONS, OR OTHER LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES UNDER PRESENT APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

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(A) AS USED IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(B) "DAY-CARE CENTER FOR ADULTS" MEANS A PLACE OPERATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CARE FOR ADULTS, WITH OR WITHOUT CHARGING A FEE, AND INCLUDES A PLACE DESIGNATED FOR GROUP DAY CARE FOR FOUR OR MORE ADULTS OR A FAMILY HOME PROVIDING DAY CARE FOR TWO OR THREE ADULTS.

(C) "ADULT" MEANS A PERSON 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ~~BUT WHO IS NOT YET 60 YEARS OF AGE~~ WHO EITHER LIVES ALONE OR WHO LIVES WITH HIS OR HER SPOUSE, RELATIVE, OR FRIEND, BUT REQUIRES ~~TEMPORARY~~ SUPERVISION AND CARE DURING A PART OF HIS OR HER DAY.