

Article 59A - Mental Retardation
Section 8A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1979 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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8A.

(a) On March 1, 1977, every individual in or admitted to a State residential facility operated or licensed by the Mental Retardation Administration shall have an individualized plan of care, including training, appropriate therapeutic programs, and recreational activities developed for him in writing by professional and supportive personnel. The effectiveness of the individualized plan of care shall be reevaluated periodically.

(b) The Director of Mental Retardation is responsible for providing all necessary professional and support personnel and equipment for full implementation of these plans and shall issue appropriate directives to carry out the intent of this section.

(c) The Superintendent or Director of the State residential facility OR A QUALIFIED MENTAL RETARDATION PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR, and one other professional person of the facility carrying major program responsibility who did not participate in the development of the individualized plans of care shall review and either approve, modify, or disapprove each individualized plan of care as written.

(d) The plan approval shall be based on current needs of the clients.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Approved May 19, 1981.

CHAPTER 601

(House Bill 86)

AN ACT concerning

Drug Abuse