

(3) -- ADMITS AT LEAST 2 BUT NOT MORE THAN 8 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNRELATED.

(C) -- "HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM" MEANS AN ORGANIZED, MEDICALLY DIRECTED, INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM FOR MEETING THE SPECIAL PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC NEEDS THAT ARISE DURING THE FINAL STAGES OF ILLNESS, DYING, AND BEREAVEMENT, BY PROVIDING PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE CARE:

(C) "HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM" MEANS A COORDINATED, INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM FOR MEETING THE SPECIAL PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL, AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF DYING INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BY PROVIDING PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE MEDICAL, NURSING, AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH HOME OR INPATIENT CARE DURING THE ILLNESS AND BEREAVEMENT:

(1) TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NO REASONABLE PROSPECT OF CURE AND, AS ESTIMATED BY A PHYSICIAN HAVE A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF LESS THAN 6 MONTHS; AND

(2) TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS.

(D) "HOSPICE CARE SERVICES" MEANS ANY SERVICES THAT A HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, HOME HEALTH AGENCY, HOSPICE, OR OTHER LICENSED FACILITY PROVIDES UNDER A HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM.

[(c)] (E) "License" means a license issued by the Secretary to operate a hospice.

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THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT, UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY A HOSPICE CARE FACILITY PROGRAM, AS DEFINED IN § 19-109 19-901 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act adding Article 48A, §§ 361E, 470Q, and 477W of the Code and § 19-703(c) of the Health - General Article shall apply only to contracts issued on or after July 1, 1982.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved June 1, 1982.