

FOR the purpose of clarifying the services that constitute home health care; redefining "home health agency" to clarify the manner in which its home health care is administered; requiring an applicant for a license as a home health agency to show that minimum home health care services will be provided; providing certain penalties for operating without a license; and enabling the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to suspend a home health agency license.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-401(b) and (c), 19-406, and 19-407(2)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts  
of the General Assembly of 1982)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 19-409  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts  
of the General Assembly of 1982)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-401.

(b) "Home health agency" means a health related institution or a part of an institution that:

(1) Is owned or operated by 1 or more persons, whether or not for profit and whether as a public or private enterprise; and

(2) Directly or through a contractual arrangement, provides ~~home-health-care--to~~ TO a sick or disabled individual in the residence of that individual ~~+~~ HOME HEALTH CARE THAT IS ADMINISTERED CENTRALLY AND--UNDER THE-GENERAL-DIRECTION-OF-A-PHYSICIAN.

(c) "Home health care". [includes the following broad range of services that are administered centrally and under the general direction of a physician] MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO-A-SICK--OR--DISABLED INDIVIDUAL--IN--THE--RESIDENCE--OF--THAT-INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE