

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 Education

SUBTITLE ~~10~~ 5. ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM

~~20-301-~~ 21-501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES" MEANS PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED PERSON, WHICH ARE CERTIFIED AS NECESSARY BY AN ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR BY A REGISTERED NURSE:

- (1) DRESSING;
- (2) PREPARING FOOD AND ASSISTING THE DISABLED PERSON WITH EATING;
- (3) BATHING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE;
- (4) ASSISTING WITH ROUTINE BODILY FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING BOWEL OR URINARY CARE;
- (5) MOVING INTO OR OUT OF OR TURNING IN BED;
- (6) LAUNDERING AND PROVIDING OTHER CLOTHING CARE; AND
- (7) CLEANING HOUSE AND PERFORMING OTHER SERVICES OF DAILY CARE AS REQUESTED BY THE DISABLED INDIVIDUAL AND THE ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES DIRECTOR, INCLUDING SHOPPING AND TRANSPORTATION.

(C) "ELIGIBLE DISABLED INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

- (1) IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER THE AGE OF 65; AND
- (2) HAS A SEVERE CHRONIC OR PERMANENT PHYSICAL DISABILITY THAT PRECLUDES OR SIGNIFICANTLY IMPAIRS THE INDIVIDUAL'S INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE OF ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, SELF-CARE, OR MOBILITY.

(D) "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS A PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT TO AN ELIGIBLE DISABLED INDIVIDUAL TO AID IN SECURING ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES.