

Section 7-1002(b) and 7-1006(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

7-1001.

In this subtitle, "licensee" means:

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- (1) A person who is licensed by the Administration to provide services;
 - (2) A State residential center.

7-1002.

(b) It is the policy of this State that, in addition to any other rights, each individual who receives any services provided by the Administration or by a licensee has the following basic rights:

- (1) The right to be treated with courtesy, respect, and full recognition of human dignity and individuality;
- (2) The right to receive treatment, services, and habilitation in the ~~least restrictive environment~~ MOST INTEGRATED SETTING that is available, adequate, appropriate, and in compliance with relevant laws and regulations;
- (3) The right to be free from mental and physical abuse;
- (4) The right to be free from chemical restraints, except for minimal restraints that a physician authorizes, in writing, for a clearly indicated medical need and makes a permanent part of the individual's record;
- (5) The right to be free from physical restraints except for minimal restraints that are authorized in writing and made a permanent part of the record by a physician or qualified developmental disability professional and which are clearly indicated for the protection of the individual with developmental disability or others;
- (6) The right to privacy;
- (7) The right to worship as the individual chooses; [and]
- (8) The right to an accounting of any funds of the individual; AND
- (9) THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED OF ALL LESS RESTRICTIVE OF THE MOST INTEGRATED SETTING SERVICE OPTIONS LICENSED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION.