

(2) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES shall supervise each shelter home.

(3) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES shall establish standards of care and admission policies. The [Administration] DEPARTMENT shall monitor the operation of each shelter home and annually evaluate its effectiveness.

(4) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES shall by rule and regulation set charges for services rendered by each shelter home.

(5) Each shelter home is subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES. The home shall accept, from the police and other referral sources in the community, battered spouses and their children for temporary shelter. Housing may be provided under this subtitle only if the applicant for housing is a resident of Maryland at the time application for housing is made.

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(d) The shelter home shall be designed and staffed as follows:

(1) The shelter shall provide clients with a temporary residence of not more than 8 continuous weeks and necessary counseling to link clients to appropriate community services in order to stabilize the clients' living conditions;

(2) (i) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES shall establish standards of care and admission policies.

(ii) The [Administration] DEPARTMENT shall monitor the operation of the shelter home and twice each year evaluate its effectiveness;

(3) The shelter home is subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(4) The home shall accept, from the police and other referral sources in the community, clients for temporary shelter;

(5) There shall be 20 beds in the shelter home.

(e) The [Social Services Administration] DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES may contract with private nonprofit organizations to operate the program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: