

facility staff to apply assist certain individuals or certain designated representatives in applying for certain federal and State benefits for a--patient an individual before the patient individual is released; requiring certain facilities to provide certain individuals or certain representatives with certain information; and generally relating to aftercare and community mental health services for homeless persons.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 10-525(b)(2), 10-709, 10-809, and 10-901
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

10-525.

(b) By March 1, 1985, the Director shall prepare a 5-year master plan that:

(2) Identifies the individuals recognized as having a mental disorder, who presently reside in the community and are at risk of future institutionalization OR ARE HOMELESS;

10-709.

(A) In accordance with § 10-809 of this title, a facility shall prepare a written aftercare plan for an individual WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A RESIDENT IN THE FACILITY before that individual is released from the facility.

(B) THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM PLAN PREPARED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE OFFERED TO PATIENTS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS RESIDENTS IN A FACILITY WHO ARE SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE FROM A FACILITY UNDER THIS TITLE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PLANNING AND PROVISIONS OF AFTERCARE PLANS INCLUDING:

(1) PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENT, IF THE PATIENT IS COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL; OR

(2) IF THE PATIENT IS INCOMPETENT TO ASSIST IN THE AFTERCARE PLAN, THE CONSENT OF A SURROGATE DECISION-MAKER.