

(III) THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO MEET THE SPIRITUAL OR SOCIAL NEEDS OF DYING INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

(IV) THE PROVISION OF PALLIATIVE AND SUPPORTIVE MEDICAL, NURSING, AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES:

1. DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT FOR A GENERAL LICENSEE; OR

2. BY REFERRAL ONLY FOR A LIMITED LICENSEE;

(V) SUBMISSION OF AN ANNUAL REPORT WHICH INCLUDES SERVICE UTILIZATION STATISTICS IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED;

(VI) WRITTEN TRANSFER AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE ACUTE INPATIENT CARE AS NEED; AND

(VII) MINIMUM STANDARDS CONCERNING THE TRAINING AND ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS IN A HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM.

19-904.

(a) A building that contains a hospice FACILITY shall:

(1) Be constructed soundly; and

(2) Meet the standards for construction and safety that the county or municipality imposes on a single-family residence.

(b) A building that contains a hospice FACILITY may not be required to comply with health and safety standards for an institution.

19-905.

(A) A person shall be licensed by the Secretary before a person may operate a hospice CARE PROGRAM.

(B) A HOME HEALTH AGENCY, HOSPITAL, RELATED INSTITUTION, OR OTHER LICENSED FACILITY THAT OPERATES A HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM THAT IS DISTINCT FROM THE OTHER SERVICES THAT THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY OR FACILITY OFFERS SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE SECRETARY AS A HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM BEFORE THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY OR FACILITY MAY OPERATE THAT HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM.

19-906.

(a) To qualify for a license, an applicant and the hospice CARE PROGRAM and its medical director shall meet the requirements of this section.