

(2) It is the policy of this State that, in addition to any other rights, each resident of a facility has the following basic rights:

(i) The right to be treated with consideration, respect, and full recognition of human dignity and individuality;

(ii) The right to receive treatment, care, and services that are adequate, appropriate, and in compliance with relevant State and federal laws, rules, and regulations;

(iii) The right to privacy;

(iv) The right to be free from mental and physical abuse;

(v) The right to be free from physical and chemical restraints, except for restraints that a physician authorizes for a clearly indicated medical need;

(vi) The right to receive respect and privacy in a medical care program; and

(vii) The right to manage personal financial affairs.

19-344.

(a) To carry out the policy set forth in § 19-343 of this subtitle, the following procedures are required for all services provided to a resident of a facility.

(b) (1) A FACILITY MAY NOT REQUIRE OR SOLICIT, AS A CONDITION OF ADMISSION INTO THE FACILITY, THE SIGNATURE OF ANOTHER PERSON, OTHER THAN THE APPLICANT, ON THE APPLICATION OR CONTRACT FOR ADMISSION TO THE FACILITY, UNLESS:

(I) THE APPLICANT IS ADJUDICATED DISABLED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 7 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND; OR

(II) 1. THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICIAN DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT IS INCAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING OR EXERCISING THE APPLICANT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

2. THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICIAN RECORDS, IN THE APPLICANT'S FACILITY RECORD, THE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE DETERMINATION.

(2) If, in addition to the signature of an applicant, a facility requires the signature of another person on the application or contract for admission to the facility IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS