

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

Article 70B – Office on Aging

22A.

(A) IN THIS SECTION:

(1) "CONTINUING CARE AT HOME" MEANS PROVIDING EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT MEDICAL, NURSING, OR OTHER HEALTH RELATED BENEFITS TO AN INDIVIDUAL 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS NOT RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE TO THE PROVIDER FOR THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 1 YEAR UNDER A WRITTEN AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES A TRANSFER OF ASSETS OR AN ENTRANCE FEE NOTWITHSTANDING PERIODIC CHARGES; AND

(2) "CONTINUING CARE AT HOME" SHALL INCLUDE ASSISTANCE WITH THE PHYSICAL MAINTENANCE OF THE DWELLING OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

(B) (1) THE OFFICE SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR PROVIDERS THAT ENTER INTO CONTINUING CARE AT HOME AGREEMENTS.

(2) THE REGULATIONS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING CARE AT HOME PROVIDERS AND THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION.

~~(3) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO SET THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND RENEWAL FEES IN A MANNER THAT WILL PRODUCE FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO, AT A MINIMUM, COVER THE ACTUAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE OFFICE TO REGULATE AND CERTIFY CONTINUING CARE AT HOME PROVIDERS.~~

(C) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE OFFICE SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, PROVISIONS THAT:

(1) PROVIDE FOR AND ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTINUING CARE AT HOME PROJECTS;

~~(2) SET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS, WHO WILL BE GOING INTO HOMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUING CARE AT HOME SERVICES, THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH CONTINUING CARE AT HOME PROVIDERS;~~

(2) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (P) OF THIS SECTION, SET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH CONTINUING CARE AT HOME PROVIDERS WHO WILL BE GOING INTO HOMES TO PROVIDE CONTINUING CARE AT HOME SERVICES;

(3) REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH A CONTINUING CARE AT HOME