

## [19-324.1.

(a) Except for a home, related institution, or facility licensed under this subtitle or otherwise licensed, certified, or approved by the Department, a domiciliary care home or related institution that provides domiciliary care for 2, 3, or 4 unrelated individuals shall obtain a registration permit from the Department or the agency designated by the Department before a public agency or any organization that receives public funds may refer any individual to the home or related institution.

(b) Unless a home or related institution registers as required under this section, a public agency or a private organization that receives public funds may not refer individuals to the home or related institution.

(c) A home or related institution that registers under this section shall:

(1) Provide the required information to the Department on the designated form at least once during each 12-month period; and

(2) At the request of the Department, consent to any reasonable inspection of the premises and examination of records.

(d) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(e) The Secretary may deny or revoke a registration permit if the applicant or registrant does not meet the requirements of this section, § 19-324.2 of this subtitle, or any rule or regulation that the Secretary may establish under this section.]

## [19-324.2.

(a) The Department shall adopt regulations establishing an appropriate level of nursing care that may be provided in registered or licensed domiciliary care homes.

(b) For domiciliary care homes that care for 2, 3, or 4 unrelated individuals, the Department may adopt regulations that establish standards that are consistent with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Domiciliary care homes that care for 2, 3, or 4 unrelated individuals shall:

(1) Maintain a sanitary environment, free of physical, mental, or financial abuse as defined in § 19-347 of this subtitle, which provides for the safe and humane treatment of residents; and

(2) Be equipped with adequate smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher.]

## SUBTITLE 18. ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS.

## 19-1801.

## IN THIS SUBTITLE:

(1) "ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM" MEANS A RESIDENTIAL OR FACILITY-BASED PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, SUPERVISION, PERSONALIZED ASSISTANCE, HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES, OR A