

(3) Adopt [rules and] regulations necessary to enforce this subtitle; and

(4) Prepare and distribute relevant public information and educational materials designed to advise individuals, institutions, and organizations of their rights and responsibilities under this subtitle.

9.

(a) [No] A provider [shall] MAY NOT offer continuing care, enter into or renew continuing care agreements, begin construction for A new [or expanded facilities] FACILITY, BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPANSION TO OR RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING FACILITY, or collect deposits for continuing care in this State unless the provider has complied with the APPLICABLE provisions of §§ 10 and 11 of this [article] SUBTITLE. ANY NEW CAPITAL ADDITION THAT WILL RESULT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT AND ASSISTED LIVING UNITS THAT IS GREATER THAN 25% OF THE NUMBER OF EXISTING UNITS IS CONSIDERED NEW DEVELOPMENT AND IS SUBJECT TO § 10 OF THIS SUBTITLE. ANY NEW CAPITAL ADDITION THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDEPENDENT OR ASSISTED LIVING UNITS AND THAT DOES NOT MEET THE STANDARD OF § 7(G)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO OFFICE REVIEW UNDER §§ 10 AND 11 OF THIS SUBTITLE. ANY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OR REPLACEMENT THAT DOES NOT ~~COST ENOUGH TO CONSTITUTE A RENOVATION~~ MEET THE STANDARD OF § 7(O) OF THIS SUBTITLE, IS NOT SUBJECT TO OFFICE REVIEW UNDER § 10 OR § 11 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(b) Any provider who is offering continuing care when this subtitle takes effect shall be given a reasonable time, not to exceed 6 months from the date of the issuance of the applicable rules adopted pursuant to this subtitle, within which to comply with this subtitle and the rules promulgated pursuant thereto.]

[(c)](B) When [an applicant] A PROVIDER has more than 1 facility offering continuing care, separate applications for preliminary and final certificates of registration and renewal certificates shall be made for each facility.

10.

(a) All providers who intend to develop[, expand, or renovate continuing care communities] A FACILITY shall file with the Office a statement of intent to provide continuing care at least 30 days prior to submission of a feasibility study for approval by the Office.

(b) A provider may not collect deposits for continuing care or begin construction of A new [or expanded facilities] FACILITY without approval of a feasibility study. The feasibility study shall be filed in a form satisfactory to the Office [on Aging] and shall include at least the following information:

(1) A statement of the purpose [and need] for the [project and the reasons for the] proposed construction[, expansion, or renovation];

(2) [A statement] DOCUMENTATION of THE financial resources of the provider;