

(1) APPRAISAL AND OBSERVATION OF EACH RESIDENT BY THE LICENSED NURSE TO DETERMINE ANY CHANGE IN THE RESIDENT'S PHYSICAL OR MENTAL STATUS; AND

(2) IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENT'S PHYSICAL OR MENTAL STATUS, AN EVALUATION BY THE LICENSED NURSE OF:

(I) THE RESIDENT'S MEDICATIONS;

(II) LABORATORY VALUES RELATING TO THE RESIDENT;

(III) CLINICAL DATA RELATING TO THE RESIDENT, INCLUDING THE RESIDENT'S:

1. HYDRATION AND NUTRITIONAL NEED;

2. SKIN INTEGRITY;

3. NOTED WEIGHT CHANGES; AND

4. APPETITE;

(IV) INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE RESIDENT THAT RESULT FROM ACCIDENT OR INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE RESIDENT; AND

(V) ANY OTHER RELEVANT PARAMETERS AFFECTING OR REFLECTING THE RESIDENT'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STATUS.

[(b)](e) (d) "Deficiency" [shall mean any failure of a nursing facility to meet the requirements of this subtitle or any rule or regulation that the Secretary adopts under this subtitle, and, in the case of a nursing facility that participates in the Maryland Medicaid Program under Title 15 of this article as a nursing facility, any failure to meet the requirements of § 1919(b), (c), or (d) of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396R(b), (c), or (d)), that is serious or life threatening] MEANS A CONDITION EXISTING IN A NURSING HOME OR AN ACTION OR INACTION BY THE NURSING HOME STAFF THAT RESULTS IN POTENTIAL FOR HARM, ACTUAL HARM, OR A SERIOUS AND IMMEDIATE THREAT TO ONE OR MORE RESIDENTS.

[(c) "Life threatening" shall mean a condition existing in a nursing facility that presents an imminent danger of health or serious mental or physical harm to the residents of the nursing facility and must be remedied immediately to insure their health, safety, and welfare.]

(d) (E) "Nursing [facility] HOME" means a facility (other than a facility offering domiciliary or personal care as defined in Subtitle 3 of this title) which offers nonacute inpatient care to patients suffering from a disease, CHRONIC ILLNESS, condition, disability of advanced age, or terminal disease requiring maximal nursing care without continuous hospital services and who require medical services and nursing services rendered by or under the supervision of a licensed nurse together with convalescent [services], restorative [services], or rehabilitative services.