

OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION AS MEETING THE STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM.

(2) (I) THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT OF AN ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION TO THE SECRETARY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE REPORT BY THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM.

(II) THE REPORT OF AN ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION USED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS MEETING THE STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.

(3) THE SECRETARY MAY INSPECT AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM TO:

(I) INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT;

(II) FOLLOW UP ON A SERIOUS PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION; OR

(III) VALIDATE FINDINGS OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION.

[(b)] (C) (1) The Department, in consultation with representatives of the affected industry and advocates for residents of the facilities and with the approval of the Department of Aging and the Department of Human Resources, shall adopt regulations to implement this subtitle.

(2) The regulations adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:

(i) Provide for the licensing of assisted living programs and the renewal of licenses;

(ii) Require the Secretary to charge fees in a manner that will produce funds not to exceed the actual direct and indirect costs to the Department for inspecting assisted living program facilities and maintaining the licensure program for assisted living programs under this subtitle;

(iii) Require the Department, during a survey or other inspection of an assisted living program, to review the number of waivers granted to the program under subsection (a)(3) of this section and determine whether a change in the program's licensure status is warranted; and

(iv) Require an assisted living program facility to post in a conspicuous place visible to actual and potential residents of the facility and other interested parties:

1. A. Its statement of deficiencies for the most recent survey;

B. Any subsequent complaint investigations conducted by federal, State, or local surveyors; and