

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

Article - Health - General

19-1805.

(a) The Department shall:

(1) Define different levels of assisted living according to the level of care provided;

(2) Require all assisted living programs to be licensed to operate according to the level of the program;

(3) Develop a waiver process for authorizing an assisted living program to continue to care for an individual whose medical or functional condition has changed since admission to the program to an extent that the level of care required by the individual exceeds the level of care for which the program is licensed;

(4) Promote affordable and accessible assisted living programs throughout the State;

(5) Establish and enforce quality standards for assisted living programs;

(6) Require periodic inspections of assisted living program facilities, including at least an annual unannounced on-site inspection;

(7) Establish requirements for the qualifications or training or both of assisted living program employees;

(8) Establish a "resident bill of rights" for residents of assisted living program facilities; ~~and~~

(9) Define which, if any, assisted living programs may be exempt from the requirements of § 19-311 of this title; ~~AND~~.

~~(10) ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE STANDARDS TO CERTIFY THIRD PARTY ASSISTED LIVING ACCREDITATION PROGRAMS THAT:~~

~~(I) AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF A CERTIFIED THIRD PARTY ACCREDITATION SURVEY AS SUFFICIENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND~~

~~(II) REQUIRE THE CERTIFIED THIRD PARTY ACCREDITATION SURVEY ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.~~

~~19-1807.~~

~~(A) THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM MANAGER FOR A LICENSED FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED FOR GREATER THAN SEVEN BEDS SHALL BE CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT.~~