

C. Any plans of correction in effect with respect to the survey or complaint investigation; or

2. A notice of the location, within the facility, of the items listed in item 1 of this item.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, 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.

(B) (1) (I) THE SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT ALL OR PART OF A REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION AS MEETING THE STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM.

(II) THE SECRETARY MAY NOT ACCEPT ALL OR PART OF A REPORT OF AN APPROVED ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION AS MEETING THE STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE TO OPERATE AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY PROGRAM.