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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(2) "MDS COORDINATOR" MEANS A COORDINATOR IN A NURSING FACILITY WHO IS REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THE MINIMUM DATA SET ASSESSMENT.~~

~~(3) "MINIMUM DATA SET ASSESSMENT" OR "MDS" MEANS THE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION REQUIRED IN A QUARTERLY FORM BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES FOR MEDICAID SERVICES.~~

(4) (2) "NURSING FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 15-132(A)(10) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(5) (3) "RESIDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING LONG-TERM CARE IN A NURSING FACILITY.

(B) (1) ~~DURING A MINIMUM DATA SET ASSESSMENT, AN MDS COORDINATOR A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL PROVIDE TO A RESIDENT A ONE-PAGE INFORMATION SHEET IN LARGE, EASILY LEGIBLE TYPE AND IN FORMATS ACCESSIBLE TO THE RESIDENT THAT:~~

(I) EXPLAINS THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES UNDER HOME- OR COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER PROGRAMS IN THE STATE THAT COULD ENABLE THE RESIDENT TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY;

(II) EXPLAINS THAT IF THE RESIDENT'S CARE IS PARTIALLY OR FULLY REIMBURSED BY THE PROGRAM, THE RESIDENT MAY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF IN THE NURSING FACILITY;

(III) PROVIDES INFORMATION REGARDING THE REFERRALS TO RESIDENTS THAT MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, OR EVALUATION SERVICES RELATED TO HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER PROGRAMS OR OTHER OPTIONS FOR RECEIVING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY; AND

(IV) IS IN LARGE, EASILY LEGIBLE TYPE AND IN FORMATS ACCESSIBLE TO THE RESIDENT.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE AGENCIES THAT IMPLEMENT THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES PROGRAMS, SHALL PREPARE, DISTRIBUTE, AND UPDATE AS NECESSARY THE ONE-PAGE INFORMATION SHEET REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE ONE-PAGE INFORMATION SHEET REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENT:

(I) UPON ADMISSION OR DISCHARGE OF THE RESIDENT; AND

(II) AT LEAST ONE TIME ANNUALLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE RESIDENT.