

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; ~~requiring that all disclosures made to a certain office be in writing; requiring that certain disclosures made to certain persons be in writing, if requested~~ requiring a certain description be made in writing at a certain time; requiring disclosure of the written description to certain persons; requiring the Unit or Program making certain disclosures to include certain information; ~~requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to examine and verify the accuracy of certain records as part of certain facility's license renewal procedure; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to take certain actions if the Office makes certain findings~~ authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations as necessary; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the disclosure of services by Alzheimer's Special Care Units or Programs.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 20-109

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

20-109.

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

~~(2) "ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT OR PROGRAM" MEANS A SECURED OR SEGREGATED SPECIAL UNIT OR PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR A RELATED DISORDER.~~

~~(3) "FACILITY" MEANS ANY NURSING HOME FACILITY, RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, OR ADULT DAY CARE CENTER THAT PROVIDES OR THAT ADVERTISES, MARKETS, OR OTHERWISE PROMOTES THE FACILITY AS PROVIDING AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT OR PROGRAM.~~

(B) ~~ANY FACILITY WHICH AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CARE FOR OR OFFERS TO PROVIDE CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR A RELATED DISORDER BY MEANS OF AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT OR PROGRAM, SHALL DISCLOSE HOW THE FORM OF CARE AND TREATMENT PROVIDED BY THE ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT OR PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR THE SPECIALIZED CARE OF INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR A RELATED DISORDER.~~

~~(C) (1) THE DISCLOSURE SHALL BE MADE TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY IN THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ANY PERSON REQUESTING THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNIT OR PROGRAM.~~