

(2) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON PAIN MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN MARYLAND.

~~SUBTITLE 3C. PAIN MANAGEMENT.~~

~~10-3C-01.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED UNDER § 10-114 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(B) IN ADDITION TO MONITORING BLOOD PRESSURE, PULSE, RESPIRATION, AND TEMPERATURE, A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER § 10-114 OF THIS TITLE, SHALL:~~

~~(1) ROUTINELY ASSESS AND MONITOR PAIN WHEN MONITORING THE VITAL SIGNS OF A PATIENT OR RESIDENT; AND~~

~~(2) MAINTAIN WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING OF PAIN.~~

~~(C) IN MONITORING PAIN IN A PATIENT OR RESIDENT, A HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL:~~

~~(1) ROUTINELY INQUIRE WHETHER THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT IS IN PAIN;~~

~~(2) ASK THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT TO RATE THE PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S DEGREE OF PAIN;~~

~~(3) ROUTINELY RECORD LEVELS OF PAIN INTENSITY ON THE PATIENT'S OR RESIDENT'S CHART;~~

~~(4) REASSESS THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT FOR PAIN AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY TREATMENT OR MEDICATION FOR THE RELIEF OF PAIN; AND~~

~~(5) RECORD THE EFFECT OF ANY TREATMENT OR MEDICATION ADMINISTERED TO THE PATIENT OR RESIDENT FOR RELIEF OF PAIN.~~

~~(D) (I) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PAIN MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE COMPETENCE IN PAIN MANAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE DIRECTLY TO PATIENTS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.~~

~~(II) THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:~~

~~1. APPROVED IN HOUSE TRAINING AT THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY; AND~~

~~2. APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS, CLASSES, OR SEMINARS OUTSIDE OF THE FACILITY.~~