

certain information to be made available to a resident at a certain time; altering the format for the information; repealing a requirement for a social worker to provide a certain referral; repealing certain requirements imposed on certain long-term care case managers; altering the proof that certain employees or representatives may be required to provide; requiring the Department *and its designee* to provide, on or before a certain date, a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly; repealing certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to home- and community-based services for residents of nursing facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 15-135

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 303 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003

Section 3

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

Article - Health - General

15-135.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Nursing facility" has the meaning stated in § 15-132(a)(10) of this subtitle.

(3) "Resident" means an individual receiving long-term care in a nursing facility.

(b) (1) A social worker shall provide to [a] EACH resident [a one-page] information [sheet] that:

(i) Explains the availability of services under home- and 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,] HOW TO OBTAIN 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]