

(1) THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES;

(2) THE NUMBER OF NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS REFERRED OR IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR;

(3) THE NUMBER OF NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS WHO TRANSITIONED FROM NURSING FACILITIES TO HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES;

(4) ANY OBSTACLES THE DEPARTMENT CONFRONTED IN ASSISTING NURSING HOME RESIDENTS TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM A NURSING FACILITY TO A COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENCE; AND

(5) THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMOVING THE OBSTACLES.

Chapter 303 of the Acts of 2003

[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before January 1 of each year, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and to the Department of Legislative Services on:

(1) State efforts to promote home- and community-based services under this Act; and

(2) the number of individuals who have transitioned from nursing homes to home- and community-based waiver services.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 427

(House Bill 946)

AN ACT concerning

Money Follows the Individual Accountability Act

FOR the purpose of requiring a nursing facility, under certain circumstances, to refer a resident to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or its designee for assistance in obtaining certain home- and community-based services; requiring the Department or its designee to review certain quarterly assessments to identify individuals indicating a preference to live in the community; requiring the Department or its designee to provide certain residents ~~referred or identified~~ with certain information, including certain rights, and with certain assistance,