

~~COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY AND TO ASSIST DUALY ELIGIBLE NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS WHO CHOOSE TO OBTAIN LONG TERM CARE SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY.~~

~~(C) THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~(1) PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS DUALY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE BENEFITS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION IN THE MAINSTREAM IN THE MOST INTEGRATED SETTING POSSIBLE AND, ON A STATEWIDE BASIS, IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DUALY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE BENEFITS WITH LONG TERM CARE OPTIONS THAT ARE SELF DIRECTED; AND~~

~~(2) PROCEDURES OR PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO OFFSET THE LOSS OF INCOME REALIZED BY A NURSING HOME ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOSS OF A DUALY ELIGIBLE NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT TO THE COMMUNITY THAT MAY INCLUDE:~~

~~(I) TAX CREDITS;~~

~~(II) GRANTS TOWARD CONVERSION OF A LICENSED NURSING HOME BED TO AN ASSISTED LIVING BED, RESPITE CARE BED, OR FOR MEDICAL DAY CARE; OR~~

~~(III) FROM A PORTION OF THE SAVINGS GENERATED FROM MOVING DUALY ELIGIBLE NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT TO THE COMMUNITY, AN ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SICKEST RESIDENTS IN THE FACILITY.~~

~~(D) THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT:~~

~~(1) DIMINISH OR REDUCE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS;~~

~~(2) REQUIRE A NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT TO INVOLUNTARILY ACCEPT HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED LONG TERM CARE SERVICES;~~

~~(3) REQUIRE A NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT TO BE TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENT'S METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR NURSING FACILITY SERVICES OR EXHAUSTION OF THE RESIDENT'S PERSONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES.~~

~~(E) FOR EVERY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LONG TERM CARE RECIPIENT DISCHARGED FROM A NURSING FACILITY BED TO A COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER SLOT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE AVERAGE SAVINGS PER RECIPIENT TRANSFERRED AND SHALL USE THE SAVINGS TO:~~

~~(1) FUND IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPANDED MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING FACILITY SERVICES UNDER § 15-115.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~