

~~assistance recipients in nursing facility beds in each county and Baltimore City requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply for a certain waiver under the federal Social Security Act; requiring the Department to develop a certain program that includes certain services for certain individuals to participate in certain settings; prohibiting the Department from developing a certain program that diminishes or reduces the quality of certain services, that requires a nursing facility resident to involuntarily accept certain services, or that requires a nursing facility resident to be transferred or discharged under certain circumstances requiring that certain services are not subject to a certain program; requiring that certain savings generated under the program be used for certain purposes; requiring the Department to apply to the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend a certain waiver to receive federal matching funds for services to assist dually eligible nursing facility residents in obtaining certain health care services; requiring a certain waiver to include certain goals and objectives; requiring that certain financial eligibility criteria include certain individuals whose countable income falls between certain limits; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to administer certain waiver programs; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to make a certain designation in each county and Baltimore City; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to develop certain systems to provide certain services; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to implement a certain licensure and inspection system; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to authorize certain providers to directly bill the Department for certain services; requiring the total yearly cost of environmental modifications be equal to or less than the total current monthly benefit available under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program multiplied by 12; requiring the Department, in consultation with certain representatives, and with the approval of the Department of Aging to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Department of Aging to make a certain report on or before a certain date and annually thereafter; requiring the Department and the Department of Aging to develop a certain plan to assist local area agencies on aging in developing a single point of entry system requiring the Department to submit the proposed waiver under this Act to the Legislative Policy Committee for its review and comment; requiring the Department to report on the status of a certain program; providing for the termination of a certain program; requiring the Department to implement a certain program initially by emergency regulation; defining certain terms; and generally relating to long-term care eligibility requirements and waiver services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.~~

BY adding to

Article – Health – General  
 Section ~~15-115.1~~ and 15-141  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Health – General