term "person", may qualify for services under this part.

6–502. STATE POLICY; LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

(A) STATE POLICY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES OR OTHER INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR DESIRES, ABILITIES, AND SAFETY.

(B) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS, BUT THAT THOSE ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FINANCIALLY ABLE TO DO SO SHALL PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first and third sentences of former Art. 88A, § 84.

Defined terms: "Community services" § 6–501
        "Elderly individual" § 6–501

6–503. DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER SYSTEM OF SERVICES.

WITH THE ADVICE, COOPERATION, AND ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO INAPPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the second sentence of former Art. 88A, § 84 and the first sentence of § 86.

In this section and throughout this subtitle, the defined term "Department" is substituted for the former reference to the "Department of Employment and Social Services".

The former phrase "[t]o implement this policy" is deleted as surplusage.

The former phrase "including the training of persons to perform community services for elderly persons" is deleted in light of § 6–504(4) of this subtitle to the same effect.

The Department of Human Resources advises that there is no single program that fits the description in this part. Therefore, the reference to a "system of community services" derived from former Art. 88A, § 84 is used in this section and throughout this part for accuracy.