

~~By adding to~~

~~Article Health General
Section 19-1417
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(c) 19-1417 of Article Health General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(c) 19-1418.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

~~Article Health General~~

~~19-1417.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FORM" MEANS A HEALTH CARE QUALITY DISCLOSURE FORM.~~

~~(B) (1) A NURSING HOME SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A HEALTH CARE QUALITY DISCLOSURE FORM TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE NURSING HOME AND THE FAMILY MEMBERS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF A RESIDENT OF THE NURSING HOME.~~

~~(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FORM IS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC, STANDARDIZED, AND VERIFIABLE MEANS BY WHICH A FAMILY MEMBER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTY OF A RESIDENT OF THE NURSING HOME MAY SEND A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION INCLUDING QUESTIONS, CONCERNS ABOUT CARE, AND OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN, TO THE NURSING HOME.~~

~~(C) EACH COMPLETED FORM SHALL BE SIGNED BY:~~

~~(1) THE FAMILY MEMBER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR INTERESTED PARTY MAKING THE COMMUNICATION; AND~~

~~(2) THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NURSING HOME.~~

~~(D) (1) A NURSING HOME SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE FILE AND A REGULATORY CORRESPONDENCE FILE THAT INCLUDES A COPY OF EACH COMPLETED FORM FILED WITH THE NURSING HOME.~~