

~~(2) (i) THE RECORDS IN THE PUBLIC FILE SHALL DELETE ANY INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT.~~

~~(ii) THE RECORDS IN THE REGULATORY FILE SHALL BE UNEDITED.~~

~~(3) A COPY OF A COMPLETED FORM SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE NURSING HOME IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND REGULATORY FILES FOR AS LONG AS THE RESIDENT FOR WHICH THE FORM WAS FILED RESIDES IN THE NURSING HOME.~~

~~(4) RESIDENTS, PROSPECTIVE RESIDENTS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF A RESIDENT OF THE NURSING HOME SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE FILE AT ALL TIMES.~~

~~(5) THE NURSING HOME SHALL PROMPTLY COMPLY WITH A REQUEST BY A LICENSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW THE RECORDS IN EITHER THE PUBLIC OR REGULATORY FILES.~~

~~(e) (1) (i) AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF EACH COMPLETED FORM SHALL BE ENTERED INTO A SECURE DATABASE.~~

~~(ii) THE INFORMATION ENTERED INTO THE DATABASE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL DELETE ANY INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES AN INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT.~~

~~(2) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A RESIDENT SHALL BE GIVEN A SECURE PASSCODE TO ENTER THE DATABASE AND VIEW THE INFORMATION FROM THE COMPLETED FORMS.~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Maryland Board of Nursing, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy, Mid-Atlantic LifeSpan, the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, the Oversight Committee on the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, the United Seniors of Maryland, Voices for Quality Care, the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, providers, advocates, and other interested parties, shall review current State laws and regulations, best practices, and experiences of other states with regard to the regulation of nursing homes in the State.