

Also in subsection (b) of this section, the word "visit" is substituted for the former phrase "make on-site visits" for brevity.

In subsections (b) and (d)(1) of this section, the former references to "rules" and "rule" are deleted in light of the references to "regulations" and "regulation". See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (d) of this section, the references to a State "unit" are substituted for the former references to a State "agency" for consistency throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (d)(1) of this section, the reference to a "law" is substituted for the former reference to a "statute" for consistency with subsection (b) of this section.

Defined term: "Secretary" § 10-101

10-213. LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM.

(3) "RELATED INSTITUTION" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A MARYLAND LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE A MARYLAND LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN.

(2) THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORITY UNDER § 10-212 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(I) THE MARYLAND LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN; AND

(II) THE DIRECTOR OF AN AREA AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LOCAL LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER REGULATIONS THAT THE SECRETARY ADOPTS.

(D) REGULATIONS.

THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN:

(1) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE PROGRAM;