

(c) The Advisory Committee shall include representation from the following agencies, organizations, and industries:

- (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (2) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- (3) The Office on Aging;
- (4) Hospice care;
- (5) Home health care;
- (6) Residential service agencies;
- (7) Nurse registries;
- (8) The State Board of Nursing;
- (9) The State Board of Pharmacy; and
- (10) Other relevant organizations and industries.

(d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff support for the Advisory Committee.

(e) On or before December 1, 1998, the Advisory Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary.

(f) On or before December 31, 1998, the Secretary, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall report the recommendations of the Department, including proposed statutory changes based on the report of the Advisory Committee, to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 134

(House Bill 99)

AN ACT concerning

**Home- and Community-Based Services for Autistic Children and
Chronically-Mentally III Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Individuals -
Medicaid ~~Waiver~~ Waivers**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to apply to the federal Health Care Financing Administration for a certain home- and