

community-based services ~~waiver~~ waivers to provide certain services to certain autistic children and ~~chronically mentally ill~~ seriously emotionally disturbed individuals; requiring certain action to be taken by the Maryland State Department of Education, local school systems, and local lead agencies, and the Mental Hygiene Administration; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly concerning the status of a certain application at certain time intervals; and generally relating to the provision of certain services to certain autistic children and ~~chronically mentally ill~~ seriously emotionally disturbed individuals.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article - Health - General
 Section 1-101(a) and (c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article - Health - General
 Section 15-130
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

1-101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
 (c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

15-130.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED" MEANS A CONDITION THAT IS:

(1) MANIFEST IN AN INDIVIDUAL YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OR, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS IN A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER, YOUNGER THAN 21 YEARS;

(2) DIAGNOSED ACCORDING TO THE CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE SECRETARY; AND

(3) CHARACTERIZED BY A FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT THAT SUBSTANTIALLY INTERFERES WITH OR LIMITS THE CHILD'S ROLE OR FUNCTIONING IN THE FAMILY, SCHOOL, OR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

~~(A)~~ (B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY TO THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR A HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER UNDER