

HOUSE BILL 264

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Home Health Care Services – Documents Requiring Signature**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain documents provided by certain agencies to
4 include a certain statement under certain circumstances; prohibiting the
5 alteration of certain documents under certain circumstances; defining a certain
6 term; and generally relating to documents required by agencies that provide
7 home health care services.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–2401 and 19–2402 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 24. Home
11 Health Care Services”
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **SUBTITLE 24. HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

18 **19–2401.**

19 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “AGENCY” MEANS:**

20 **(1) A HOME HEALTH AGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 19–401 OF THIS**
21 **TITLE;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCY AS DEFINED IN § 19-4A-01**
2 **OF THIS TITLE;**

3 **(3) A NURSING REFERRAL SERVICE AGENCY AS DEFINED IN §**
4 **19-4B-01 OF THIS TITLE;**

5 **(4) A HOME-BASED HOSPICE CARE PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN §**
6 **19-901 OF THIS TITLE; AND**

7 **(5) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES HEALTH CARE SERVICES**
8 **TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE HOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

9 **19-2402.**

10 **IF AN AGENCY REQUIRES AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING HEALTH CARE**
11 **SERVICES IN THE HOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO SIGN A PAPER OR ELECTRONIC**
12 **DOCUMENT, THE DOCUMENT:**

13 **(1) SHALL INCLUDE THE STATEMENT “THIS SIGNATURE IS FOR**
14 **VERIFICATION OF VISIT ONLY”; AND**

15 **(2) MAY NOT BE ALTERED AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SIGNED**
16 **THE DOCUMENT.**

17 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
18 **October 1, 2011.**