

HOUSE BILL 1292

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Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Programs – Social Workers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each nursing home and assisted living program in Baltimore
4 City to designate a licensed social worker for each resident to serve as the resident’s
5 case manager; authorizing a certain social worker to provide certain services to
6 nursing home or assisted living program residents; and generally relating to nursing
7 homes, assisted living programs, and social workers in Baltimore City.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 19–1410.3 and 19–1807.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **19–1410.3.**

17 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

18 **(B) EACH NURSING HOME SHALL DESIGNATE, FOR EACH RESIDENT OF THE**
19 **NURSING HOME, A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER TO SERVE AS THE RESIDENT’S CASE**
20 **MANAGER.**

21 **(C) A SOCIAL WORKER DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
22 **SECTION MAY PROVIDE TO A RESIDENT SERVICES TO ATTAIN OR MAINTAIN THE**
23 **RESIDENT’S PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL STATUS, INCLUDING:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENT AND ASSISTING THE RESIDENT**
2 **IN ASSERTING THEIR RIGHTS WITHIN THE FACILITY;**

3 **(2) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT IN VOICING AND OBTAINING**
4 **RESOLUTION TO GRIEVANCES ABOUT TREATMENT, LIVING CONDITIONS, VISITATION**
5 **RIGHTS, AND ACCOMMODATION OF NEEDS;**

6 **(3) ASSISTING WITH INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE RESIDENT,**
7 **THEIR FAMILY, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT HEALTH CARE OPTIONS AND**
8 **RAMIFICATIONS;**

9 **(4) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH MAKING REFERRALS AND**
10 **OBTAINING NEEDED SERVICES FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES;**

11 **(5) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH FINANCIAL AND LEGAL MATTERS;**

12 **(6) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH TRANSITIONS OF CARE SERVICES;**

13 **(7) PROVIDING OR ARRANGING FOR NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH AND**
14 **PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELING SERVICES;**

15 **(8) IDENTIFYING AND SEEKING WAYS TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE**
16 **RESIDENT THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT AND CARE PLANNING PROCESS; AND**

17 **(9) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH ADVANCE CARE PLANNING,**
18 **INCLUDING THE COMPLETION OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.**

19 **19-1807.1.**

20 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.**

21 **(B) EACH ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SHALL DESIGNATE, FOR EACH**
22 **RESIDENT OF THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM, A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER TO**
23 **SERVE AS THE RESIDENT'S CASE MANAGER.**

24 **(C) A SOCIAL WORKER DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
25 **SECTION MAY PROVIDE TO A RESIDENT SERVICES TO ATTAIN OR MAINTAIN THE**
26 **RESIDENT'S PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL STATUS, INCLUDING:**

27 **(1) ADVOCATING FOR THE RESIDENT AND ASSISTING THE RESIDENT**
28 **IN ASSERTING THEIR RIGHTS WITHIN THE FACILITY;**

1 **(2) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT IN VOICING AND OBTAINING**
2 **RESOLUTION TO GRIEVANCES ABOUT TREATMENT, LIVING CONDITIONS, VISITATION**
3 **RIGHTS, AND ACCOMMODATION OF NEEDS;**

4 **(3) ASSISTING WITH INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE RESIDENT,**
5 **THEIR FAMILY, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT HEALTH CARE OPTIONS AND**
6 **RAMIFICATIONS;**

7 **(4) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH MAKING REFERRALS AND**
8 **OBTAINING NEEDED SERVICES FROM OUTSIDE ENTITIES;**

9 **(5) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH FINANCIAL AND LEGAL MATTERS;**

10 **(6) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH TRANSITIONS OF CARE SERVICES;**

11 **(7) PROVIDING OR ARRANGING FOR NEEDED MENTAL HEALTH AND**
12 **PSYCHOSOCIAL COUNSELING SERVICES;**

13 **(8) IDENTIFYING AND SEEKING WAYS TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE**
14 **RESIDENT THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT AND CARE PLANNING PROCESS; AND**

15 **(9) ASSISTING THE RESIDENT WITH ADVANCE CARE PLANNING,**
16 **INCLUDING THE COMPLETION OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2021.