

(E) "HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES" MEANS A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES [[FROM NURSING,]] , AS DEFINED IN SUB-SECTION (B) ABOVE, UNDER PHYSICIAN DIRECTION, [[TO A COORDINATED HOME CARE PROGRAM]] WHICH IS CENTRALLY ADMINISTERED.

(F) "PATIENT" MEANS ONE WHOSE HEALTH CARE NEEDS CAN BE MET ADEQUATELY BY THE PROVISION OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES ON A PART-TIME OR INTERMITTENT BASIS.

872.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP, INITIATE, AND IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS CONTAINING STANDARDS FOR THE CARE, TREATMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND COMFORT OF PATIENTS SERVED BY HOME HEALTH AGENCIES WHICH WILL PROMOTE SAFE AND ADEQUATE CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE PATIENTS. FURTHER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF HOME HEALTH AGENCIES. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONFORMANCE TO THE AREA AND STATE HEALTH PLANS RELATING TO LICENSURE OF SECTION 559 (A-1) OF THIS CODE SHALL APPLY TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.

873.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE INSPECTIONS OF THE OPERATIONS OF HOME HEALTH AGENCIES AND ISSUE, DENY OR REVOKE ANNUAL LICENSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

874.

THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE, WHEN APPROPRIATE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- (A) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME HEALTH AGENCIES;
- (B) PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY TO HAVE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY A PROFESSIONAL GROUP;
- (C) PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE HOME HEALTH AGENCIES;
- (D) PROVISIONS FOR THE SUPERVISION OF SERVICES BY A PHYSICIAN HOLDING AN UNLIMITED LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE, SURGERY, AND OBSTETRICS IN MARYLAND OR A REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE, AS APPROPRIATE;
- (E) PROVISIONS REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF CLINICAL RECORDS OF ALL PATIENTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A PLAN OF TREATMENT TO BE PROVIDED.

875.

[[TO OBTAIN VALID LICENSURE, THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE APPROPRIATE HOME HEALTH SERVICES, UNDER THE DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, TO ALL