

information or case management services that will enable the resident to consider the options that may be available and apply for benefits if the resident chooses.]

(C) IF A RESIDENT INDICATES AN INTEREST IN OR A PREFERENCE FOR LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY, THE NURSING FACILITY SHALL REFER THE RESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNEE, FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNEE, SHALL REVIEW THE QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BY EACH NURSING FACILITY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS INDICATING A PREFERENCE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

(E) IF A RESIDENT WHO WOULD QUALIFY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES UNDER § 15-137 OF THIS SUBTITLE INDICATES AN INTEREST OR PREFERENCE FOR LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY, THE DEPARTMENT, OR THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIGNEE, SHALL PROVIDE THE RESIDENT  
~~RESIDENTS REFERRED OR IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION WITH:~~

(1) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, INCLUDING SERVICES AVAILABLE UNDER A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAIVER AND THEIR RIGHT TO ACCESS SERVICES UNDER § 15-137 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ASSISTANCE IN:

(I) COMPLETING ANY APPLICATION FORMS OR PROCESS, AS NEEDED; AND

(II) MOVING FROM A NURSING FACILITY TO A COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING APPROPRIATE TO THE RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND EXPRESSED WISHES.

(f) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, employees or representatives of protection and advocacy agencies and of centers for independent living shall have reasonable and unaccompanied access to residents of public or private nursing facilities in the State that receive reimbursement under the Program for the purpose of providing information, training, and referral to programs and services addressing the needs of people with disabilities, including participation in programs that would enable individuals with disabilities to live outside the nursing facility.

(2) Employees or representatives of protection and advocacy agencies and of centers for independent living shall maintain the confidentiality of the