



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION AND CARE OF PATIENTS
IN NURSING HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The Department of Social
2 Services, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and
3 Addiction Services, shall amend the Pre-Admission Level II Evaluation
4 for Positive Mental Illness Mental Retardation Screening Form, as
5 required under federal law, to incorporate additional information
6 regarding high risk behavior of any patient to be evaluated.

7 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Any nursing home, as
8 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, shall have a copy of
9 the results of any patient's Pre-Admission Level II Evaluation for
10 Positive Mental Illness Mental Retardation Screening, as required
11 under federal law, and a copy of the determination letter prepared by
12 Advanced Behavioral Health for a patient prior to admitting any such
13 patient. Prior to admitting any person who has had such Pre-
14 Admission Level II Screening, the administrator for any such nursing
15 home, in consultation with the director of nursing and the director of
16 admissions for such nursing home, shall make a written determination
17 of whether such home has appropriate: (1) Physical and program
18 space, (2) trained staff, and (3) programming to provide for the care
19 and safety of such patient and other residents of the nursing home. For
20 purposes of this section, "trained staff" means staff trained in risk

21 assessment and risk management of behavioral health care appropriate
22 for a nursing home setting.

23 (b) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
24 consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall develop a
25 recommended curriculum guide and continued training syllabus for
26 trained staff.

27 (c) In the course of the admission process for any nursing home
28 resident, including, but not limited to, assessment utilizing the Centers
29 for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Minimum Data Set, or any
30 subsequent review, if problem behavior is identified in such resident,
31 the nursing home shall document in such resident's care plan that said
32 nursing home has the appropriate physical environment, staff and
33 programs to meet such patient's individualized needs.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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