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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** AARP  
Alzheimer's Association  
Butler Consulting  
Eldercare  
LeadingAge  
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program  
MD Continuing Care Residents Assn  
MD Academy Nutrition & Dietetics  
Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
Maryland Board of Nursing  
MDOA Oversight Committee  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
Maryland Medicaid Program  
Office of the Attorney General (Consumer Protection Division, Medicaid Fraud and Vulnerable Victims Unit, Antitrust Division)  
Office of the Inspector General

Adult Protective Services  
Behavioral Health System Baltimore  
Disability Rights Maryland  
Hospice & Palliative Care Network  
Lifespan Network  
M4A  
MD Board of LTC Administrators  
Maryland Board of Nursing  
Maryland Board of Physicians  
Maryland Department of Aging  
MDH - Behavioral Health Admn  
Maryland Legal Aid  
Mental Health Association of MD

**FROM:** Tia Witherspoon  
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The Office of Health Care Quality

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The Office of Health Care Quality

**DATE:** April 28, 2025

### **RE: Notice of Final Action – COMAR 10.07.14 Assisted Living Programs**

Please be aware that the Notice of Final Action for COMAR 10.07.14 Assisted Living Programs was published in the Division of State Document's Maryland Register on [April 18, 2025](#). On March 21, 2025, the Acting Secretary of Health repealed existing Regulations .01—.64 and adopted new Regulations .01—.65 under COMAR 10.07.14 Assisted Living Programs. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 52:2 Md. R. 82—119 (January 24, 2025), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes. This action is effective April 28, 2025.

As a key stakeholder, we are asking for your help in notifying your respective interested members and affiliates and sharing the [Final Publication File COMAR 10.07.14 Proposed Action and Final Action from the April 18, 2025 Maryland Register](#).

[OHCQ's Assisted Living webpage](#) will serve as a centralized resource for information on stakeholder communication, virtual training sessions, regional in-person training sessions, training materials, and other updated information as we move forward with the roll out.

Your input is valuable. If you have questions **about the regulations**, please submit your questions [here](#) and we will be providing intermittent updates via the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on our website.

The Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) understands that there are some major key changes included in the new regulations and that the provider community will need some time to conduct staff training and develop necessary policies and procedures. Over the next 6 months, OHCQ must continue its survey mandates, but will be using discretion with enforcement activities related to the new regulations.

OHCQ sincerely appreciates the many provider and advocacy groups that have contributed during the complex promulgation process that started over ten years ago. Assisted Living Providers (ALPs) are essential to the continuum of care as they provide direct care services to individuals that need assistance with activities of daily living. Quite often, these individuals are Maryland's most vulnerable residents.

In the revision of this chapter, OHCQ frequently returned to our charge in COMAR 10.07.14.01, which states, *"The purpose of this chapter is to set minimum, reasonable standards for licensure of assisted living programs in Maryland. This chapter is intended to maximize independence and promote the principles of individuality, personal dignity, freedom of choice, and fairness for all individuals residing in assisted living programs while establishing reasonable standards to promote individuals' health and safety."*

Please contact [ohcq.alregs@maryland.gov](mailto:ohcq.alregs@maryland.gov) if you have further questions. Thank you.