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## MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Adults with Physical Disabilities Transmittal No. 1

February 9, 2001

Maryland Department of Human Resources

Local Health Departments

FROM:

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Office of Health Services

NOTE:

Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of

the contents of this transmittal

Proposed New Regulations COMAR 10.09.55 Home and Community-Based

Services Waiver for Adults with Physical Disabilities

**ACTION:** 

**Proposed Regulations** 

PROPOSED FFECTIVE DATE:

April 1, 2001

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

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**COMMENT PERIOD EXPIRES:** February 26, 2001

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program proposes to adopt new Regulations .01-.34 under a new chapter, COMAR 10.09.55 Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Adults with Physical Disabilities.

The purpose of this action is to: (1) define covered home-based waiver services to offer support to individuals that enables them to remain in their own homes when discharged from nursing homes or diverted from nursing facility placement; (2) describe the conditions for the

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participation of waiver participants and waiver providers; (3) offer participants a choice of two models in which to receive attendant care services: "consumer-employed model" or "agency-employed model"; and (4) provide the opportunity to expand an individual's choice of attendant care providers by allowing family members, with the exception of spouses, to become reimbursed attendants for a related waiver participant.

The proposed regulations, as they are published in the Maryland Register (Volume 28, Issue 20) January 26, 2001, may be found online at <a href="https://www.dsd.state.md.us">www.dsd.state.md.us</a>.

cc: Coordinating Center

Eastern Shore Center for Independent Living Governor's Office for Individuals with Disabilities Independence Now, Inc. Maryland Centers for Independent Living Potomac Highlands Center for Independent Living Southern Maryland Center for L.I.F.E.

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