

April 7, 1999

S 783. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES/DISCLOSURE. TO REQUIRE THAT ADULT CARE HOMES, NURSING HOMES, AND ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAMS PROVIDING SPECIAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIAS DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION. Require adult care homes, nursing homes, and adult day care programs providing special care for Alzheimer's disease or other dementias to disclose annually in writing to Dep't of Health and Human Services as part of licensing procedure and to each person seeking placement in the facility or receiving services the following information: (1) a statement of overall philosophy and mission of facility and how it reflects special needs of residents with dementia; (2) process and criteria for placement, transfer or discharge; (3) process used for assessment and establishment of plan of care and its implementation; (4) typical staffing patterns and how the patterns reflect the resident's need for increased care and supervision; (5) dementia-specific staff training; (6) physical environment features designed specifically for the special care unit; (7) dementia-specific programming; (8) opportunities for family involvement; and (9) additional costs or fees to the resident for special care. Effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Intro. by Cochrane.

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GS 143B, 131E, 131D

April 28, 1999

S 783. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES/DISCLOSURE. Intro. 4/7/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Enacts new GS 131E-112 to provide that a nursing home or combination home that provides special care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in a special care unit shall make certain disclosures to DHHS and each person seeking placement in the unit, or that person's representative, including: (1) a statement of its philosophy and mission; (2) criteria for placement and transfer to the special unit; (3) staffing patterns; (4) dementia-specific staff training; and (5) Alzheimer's disease and other dementia-specific programming. Special care unit is defined as a wing or hallway within a nursing home, or a program provided by a nursing home, that is designated especially for residents with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, or other special needs disease or condition, as determined by the Medical Care Comm'n. Effective Jan. 1, 2000.

July 9, 1999

S 783. LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES/DISCLOSURES. Intro. 04/07/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT NURSING HOMES PROVIDING SPECIAL CARE FOR PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR OTHER DEMENTIAS DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION, TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS EXCLUDED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT IN THE PLAN, AND TO REQUIRE OUT-OF-STATE PHARMACIES TO FILL VALID PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN BY NORTH CAROLINA PRACTITIONERS. Amends GS 135-40.2(h) to provide that persons whose state employees' health insurance was terminated for making false statements or misrepresentations in an insurance claim may apply for reinstatement of coverage after five years upon full restitution. Makes conforming changes to GS 135-40.11(a)(6). Amends GS 90-85.21A to require out-of-state pharmacies that are registered to do business in North Carolina to fill valid prescriptions written by North Carolina practitioners.