MARYLAND

Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council

Maryland law creates the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Councils, and among the Councils many responsibilities, it is charged to develop State Plan strategies and actions that include building a workforce trained to care for and treat Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Disclosure Law

Maryland mandates assisted living programs with Alzheimer’s special care units or programs to provide a written description of the unit or program, including any services, training, or other procedures that are over and above those that are provided in the existing assisted living program.

Long-Term Care Facilities

A dementia-related in-service training program is required as a condition of licensing for institutions providing long-term care to patients with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

Congregate Housing Services

Annual in-service dementia-specific training is required for congregate housing services programs for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia. In addition, the regulations require that new employees receive training within the first 180 days of their employment. Training must be provided to all staff and also to volunteers.

Adult Day Health programs

These programs are required to provide training appropriate to the needs of individuals served, such as those with Alzheimer’s disease. Eight (8) in-service trainings must be conducted each year.

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By regulations, Maryland requires that all staff and volunteers at Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities to receive training on individuals with dementia. In addition, each employee must complete and instructional unit on dementia within 180 day of employment or annually.

**Geriatric Nursing Assistant Program**

By regulation, Maryland sets the curriculum for Geriatric Nursing Assistant Programs and provides a comprehensive unit on the topics required to be covered in dementia care, but the regulation does not specify hours or competency testing.

**Assisted Living Managers**

Maryland’s regulation governs the requirements for an assisted living manager basic course training. Training in dementia, mental health, and behavior management must be 12 hours in length. The regulation provides very detailed and numerous topics that must be covered in that training.

**Law Enforcement**

Maryland has a statutory Silver Alert program, and requires that the state police provide training to local law enforcement agencies on the guidelines and procedures to be used to handle a report of a missing person who suffers from a cognitive impairment including dementia.

**Medicaid Waiver**

A Medicaid home and community-based services waiver and a state-funded program cover services in assisted living. Participants must be assessed to be level II or III and must be 50 years old or older. They must be provided with 24-hour supervision, and facilities must employ a delegating nurse (a registered nurse) to visit every 45 days.