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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to admissions to adult care facilities

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivisions 13 and 15 of section 4651 of the public health law, as added by chapter 2 of the laws of 2004, are amended to read as follows:

13. "Aging in place" means, care and services at a facility which possesses an enhanced assisted living certificate which, to the extent practicable, within the scope of services set forth in the written residency agreement executed pursuant to section four thousand six hundred fifty-eight of this article, accommodates a resident's changing needs and preferences in order to allow such resident to BE ADMITTED TO OR remain in the residence as long as the residence is able and authorized to accommodate the resident's current and changing needs. A residence that does not possess an enhanced assisted living certificate shall not be deemed able to accommodate a resident's needs if the resident requires or is in need of either enhanced assisted living or twenty-four hour skilled nursing care or medical care provided by facilities licensed pursuant to article twenty-eight of this chapter or article nineteen, thirty-one or thirty-two of the mental hygiene law.

15. "Enhanced assisted living certificate" means a certificate issued by the department which authorizes an assisted living residence to provide aging in place by EITHER ADMITTING OR retaining residents who desire [to continue] to age in place and who: (a) are chronically chairfast and unable to transfer, or chronically require the physical assistance of another person to transfer; (b) chronically require the physical assistance of another person in order to walk; (c) chronically require the physical assistance of another person to climb or descend stairs;

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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(d) are dependent on medical equipment and require more than intermittent or occasional assistance from medical personnel; or (e) has chronic unmanaged urinary or bowel incontinence. IN NO EVENT SHALL A PERSON BE ADMITTED TO AN ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE WHO IS IN NEED OF CONTINUAL TWENTY-FOUR HOUR NURSING OR MEDICAL CARE, WHO IS CHRONICALLY BEDFAST, OR WHO IS COGNITIVELY, PHYSICALLY OR MEDICALLY IMPAIRED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT HIS OR HER SAFETY WOULD BE ENDANGERED.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.