



DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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NOTICE - Support Persons for Individuals (September 24, 2020)

State and federal law prohibits discrimination against individuals based on disability. In addition, the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of the Department of Disabilities require all licensed Maryland hospitals, related institutions, freestanding medical facilities, freestanding ambulatory care facilities, chronic disease centers, hospice care facilities, comprehensive rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, and assisted living programs (collectively health care providers) to adopt policies allowing support persons for individuals with disabilities to stay with those persons during visits to health care providers (the Access Notice).

If you believe that one of the listed health care providers is violating the Access Notice, you may file a complaint with the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Health Care Quality by following the process described here:

<https://health.maryland.gov/ohcq/Pages/Complaints.aspx>.

If you believe that you are a victim of discrimination because of your disability, you may file a complaint with any of the following:

Effective Oct. 1, 2020, you may file a complaint with MDH's Office of Equal Opportunity, Equal Access Compliance Unit and/or the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

Office of Equal Opportunity Programs Maryland Department of Health
201 W. Preston Street, Suite 422, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410.767.6600 | Fax: 410.333.5337

MD Relay: 711

- Delinda Johnson Blake, Equal Access Compliance Manager
delinda.blake@maryland.gov
- Andrea Gillespie, Equal Access Compliance Officer
andrea.gillespie@maryland.gov

AND/OR

Maryland Commission on Civil Rights (MCCR)
6 Saint Paul Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 800.637.6247 | 410.767.8600 | MD Relay: 711
<https://mccr.maryland.gov/Pages/Intake.aspx>

You also may file complaints with the following federal agencies if you believe you have been subject to discrimination by a health care provider:

U.S. Department of Justice (via mail) Civil Rights Division
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
4CON, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20530
<https://civilrights.justice.gov/report/> | Fax: 202.307.1197

More information on the DOJ complaint process may be found by visiting:
https://www.ada.gov/filing_complaint.htm

AND/OR

Centralized Case Management Operations
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (via mail)
200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F HHH Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20201 | OCRComplaint@hhs.gov
<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf>

More information on the HHS complaint process may be found by visiting:
<https://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/filing-a-complaint/complaint-process/index.html>

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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1.410.578.5071

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1.410.578.5071

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1.410.578.5071 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1.410.578.5071

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1.410.578.5071

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1.410.578.5071

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1.410.578.5071

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Dè dè nià ke dyédé gbo: ɔ jũ ké m̄ [Bàsòò-wùdù-po-nyò] jũ ní, nií, à wuɖu kà kò dò po-poò b̄èin m̄ gbo kpáa. Ọ́á 1.410.578.5071

Ige nti: O buru na asu lbo asusu, enyemaka diri gi site na call 1.410.578.5071

AKIYESI: Ti o ba nso ede Yoruba ofe ni iranlowo lori ede wa fun yin o. E pe ero ibanisoro yi 1.410.578.5071

خبردار: اگر آپ اردو بولتے ہیں، تو آپ کو زبان کی مدد کی خدمات مفت میں دستیاب ہیں۔ کال کریں 1.410.578.5071

توجه: اگر بہ زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی 1.410.578.5071

ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1.410.578.5071

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1.410.578.5071