

## CHAPTER 125

AN ACT concerning the Congregate Housing Services Program and supplementing P.L.1981, c.553 (C.52:27D-182 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.52:27D-191.1 Bill of rights for recipients of Congregate Housing Services Program.

1. a. The Department of Health and Senior Services shall ensure that a person receiving services under the Congregate Housing Services Program including, but not limited to, meal preparation, housekeeping, shopping, laundry, linens change, companionship, and personal care, receives those services in a manner that promotes the dignity of and shows respect for the person.

b. A Congregate Housing Services Program shall make information related to its services available to the manager of a subsidized housing facility that has contracted with the State to provide a Congregate Housing Services Program. The manager shall be responsible for the distribution and dissemination of the information to its residents and shall include in that information a statement that the services provided by the program shall be provided to:

- (1) help meet the needs of a resident;
- (2) foster the independence and individuality of a resident;
- (3) treat a resident with respect, courtesy, consideration, and dignity; and
- (4) assure a resident the right to make choices with respect to services and lifestyle.

c. A Congregate Housing Services Program shall:

(1) advise a resident receiving congregated housing services, in writing, of the availability of information from the Division of Aging and Community Services in the Department of Health and Senior Services about issues that may be of concern to a resident; and

(2) make available, upon request, the qualifications of a counselor or other professional who is providing services to residents under the Congregate Housing Services Program.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the second month next following the date of enactment.

Approved September 16, 2011.