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HB 874 State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators – Requirements for Assisted Living Managers House Health and Government Operations Committee February 22, 2024 Informational Testimony

HB 874 is extending, from October 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, the date by which individuals must be licensed by the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators before practicing as an assisted living manager in the State. It alters the requirements for the manager training course that assisted living managers are required to complete; and alters the requirements for serving as an interim assisted living manager.

In 2020 a bill was introduced with support of the advocacy community with opposition from the industry. SB 480 State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators - Renaming and Licensure of Assisted Living Managers required that all assisted living managers be licensed by the state of Maryland. The bill renamed the Board of Nursing Home Examiners to the Board of Examiners of Long-Term Care. The bill amended the composition of the Board by adding three actively practicing assisted living managers with a minimum of five years of practice experience and two consumers who have relevant experience with relatives residing in assisted living facilities. Because the industry was opposed, the bill was withdrawn.

In 2022, Senate Bill 720/House Bill 1074 was introduced. The bill renamed the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators to be the State Board of Long-Term Care Administrators and requires that an individual be licensed by the board to practice as an assisted living manager in the State beginning October 1, 2024. Individuals who have been employed in the State as an assisted living manager and worked at a program with five or more beds as of September 30, 2022, are deemed to have satisfied the qualifications for licensure. An assisted living manager employed by a program with four or fewer beds must complete a specified manager training course by September 30, 2024. The bill alters board structure and membership requirements, specifies that the board is a medical review committee, and makes conforming changes. By October 1, 2023, the board must submit a report on implementation of the bill. The Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) must notify the board of the appointment of an assisted living program as a resident's representative payee.

The advocacy community understands that this agreement which produced this bill was reached because of discussions and agreements between the Board, LifeSpan, Office of Health Care Quality and the Department of Aging.

We remain concerned that the OHCQ, the Board, and the industry are still having trouble complying. If you are incline to support extending the requirements of SB 720/HB 1074, we urge you to require a performance plan, time frames and progress reports to ensure compliance with the extension. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

