

AN ACT concerning health.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Nursing Home Care Act is amended by changing Section 3-417 as follows:

(210 ILCS 45/3-417) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 4153-417)

Sec. 3-417. Transfer or discharge; alternative placements.
The Department shall offer transfer or discharge and relocation assistance to residents transferred or discharged under Sections 3-401 through 3-415, including information on available alternative placements. Residents shall be involved in planning the transfer or discharge and shall choose among the available alternative placements, except that where an emergency makes prior resident involvement impossible the Department may make a temporary placement until a final placement can be arranged. Residents may choose their final alternative placement and shall be given assistance in transferring to such place. No resident may be forced to remain in a temporary or permanent placement. Where the Department makes or participates in making the relocation decision, consideration shall be given to proximity to the resident's relatives and friends. The resident shall be allowed 3 visits to potential alternative placements prior to removal, except

where medically contraindicated or where the need for immediate transfer or discharge requires reduction in the number of visits.

When the Department provides information on available alternative placements in community-based settings for individuals being discharged or transferred from facilities licensed under this Act, the information must include a comprehensive list of a range of appropriate, client-oriented services and the name of and contact information for the ADA coordinator in the relocation locale. The comprehensive list must include the name and contact information for each agency or organization providing those services and a summary of the services provided by each agency or organization. A hotline or similar crisis telephone number must also be provided to individuals relocating into the community.

(Source: P.A. 81-223.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.