

## §6202. Certificate of authority required

**1. Requirement.** No person or entity may offer continuing care in this State except a provider having obtained an appropriate certificate of authority issued by the superintendent pursuant to this chapter and then in full force and effect.

[PL 1987, c. 482, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Use of name.** No natural person, partnership, unincorporated association, trust or corporation may use the names "continuing care retirement community" or "life-care community" unless the appropriate certificate of authority has been issued by the superintendent. A life-care community may use either name or both.

[PL 1987, c. 482, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Kinds of communities.** There are 2 kinds of communities that qualify for certification.

A. To qualify for certification as a life-care community, the provider shall offer a continuing care agreement that explicitly provides all of the following:

(1) Full and lifetime prepaid health care, prepaid supportive services and shelter, as prescribed by the department by rule, which include a true continuum of care from independent living through nursing home care;

(2) The maintenance fee may not increase, regardless of the level of services provided or a change in accommodations, with the following exceptions:

(a) Annual increases in the maintenance fee applicable to all subscribers; and

(b) Any increase in the maintenance fee applicable to a specific subscriber resulting from the voluntary selection of an optional service by that subscriber. An optional service is a service or change in accommodations that is not required to be offered in order to qualify for certification as a life-care community under the department's rules;

(3) With the exception of maintenance fees and insurance premiums, neither the subscriber nor any 3rd party, other than the subscriber's insurer, is liable for the cost of health care or supportive services other than optional services as defined in subparagraph (2); and

(4) The provider shall continue to provide full and lifetime health care, supportive services and shelter without diminution to a subscriber who has not intentionally depleted that subscriber's resources. [PL 1995, c. 452, §6 (AMD).]

B. A provider offering a continuing care agreement that does not qualify for certification as a life-care community, as defined in paragraph A, must be certified as a continuing care retirement community if it complies with the other applicable provisions of this chapter. [PL 1995, c. 452, §6 (AMD).]

[PL 1995, c. 452, §6 (AMD).]

**4. Reasonable time to comply.** Any provider who is providing continuing care when this chapter takes effect shall be given a reasonable time to comply with this chapter and the rules promulgated pursuant to this chapter, but not later than one year after the effective date of this chapter.

[PL 1987, c. 482, §1 (NEW); PL 1989, c. 343, §3 (AMD); PL 1989, c. 343, §23 (AFF).]

**5. Statement of withdrawal.** Any provider who, as of the effective date of this chapter, has offered continuing care agreements prior to that date and intends not to offer new continuing care agreements or to renew those agreements shall file a statement to that effect with the superintendent.

[PL 1987, c. 482, §1 (NEW).]

**6. Preliminary marketing.** Upon written approval by the superintendent of the proposed forms of the reservation agreement and the reservation fee escrow agreement referred to in section 6201,

subsection 11-A, and prior to applying for a preliminary certificate of authority or a certificate of authority, a prospective provider may engage in preliminary marketing.

[PL 1995, c. 452, §7 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1987, c. 482, §1 (NEW). PL 1989, c. 343, §§3,23 (AMD). PL 1995, c. 452, §§6,7 (AMD).

The State of Maine claims a copyright in its codified statutes. If you intend to republish this material, we require that you include the following disclaimer in your publication:

*All copyrights and other rights to statutory text are reserved by the State of Maine. The text included in this publication reflects changes made through the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature and is current through October 15, 2024. The text is subject to change without notice. It is a version that has not been officially certified by the Secretary of State. Refer to the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and supplements for certified text.*

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes also requests that you send us one copy of any statutory publication you may produce. Our goal is not to restrict publishing activity, but to keep track of who is publishing what, to identify any needless duplication and to preserve the State's copyright rights.

PLEASE NOTE: The Revisor's Office cannot perform research for or provide legal advice or interpretation of Maine law to the public. If you need legal assistance, please contact a qualified attorney.
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------