

Comments on Acute Psychiatric Services Draft SHP Chapter

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Eileen: We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the most recent draft State Health Plan chapter for Acute Psychiatric Hospital Services, COMAR 10.24.07, dated December 17, 2020.

1. The draft plan chapter still includes Prince George's County in the Southern Maryland region with the three rural counties, St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles counties. However, for many years Prince George's County has been more closely aligned with the DC metropolitan area than with the other three counties. For acute psychiatric services, we recommend a Metropolitan Washington Region to include Montgomery and Prince George's counties.
2. Regarding regions generally, if the MHCC's goal is that most hospitals should offer at least a general acute psychiatric service (Policy 4), or that general adult psychiatric services should be available in most Maryland counties, the Plan could consider general adult services to be a jurisdictional service. The special populations, including the highly complex historically underserved populations would remain a regional service.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call.

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