

Principles to Guide CON Reform

Note to the Task Force: In the previous meeting, the goals of CON generated spirited discussion. MHCC staff recommends focusing on the goals for CON reform. We have proposed principles for access, TCOC alignment, affordable high quality safe care, regulatory reform, and internal coherence.

- 1. Promote the availability of general hospital and long term care services in all regions of Maryland. Assure appropriate availability of specialized services that require a large regional service area to assure viability and quality.**
- 2. Complement the goals and objectives of the Maryland Total Cost of Care Model.**
- 3. Provide opportunities to enter the Maryland market for innovators committed to the delivery of affordable, safe, and high-quality health care.**
- 4. Minimize the regulatory requirements for existing providers to expand existing capacity or offer new services when those providers are committed to the delivery of affordable, safe, and high-quality health care.**
- 5. Reduce the burden of complying with CON regulatory requirements to those necessary for assuring that delivery of health care will be affordable, safe, and of high-quality.**
- 6. Maintain meaningful review criteria and standards that are consistent with the law and understandable to applicants, interested parties, and the public.**