



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Acute Psychiatric Services Workgroup Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Agenda

I. Introductions and Overview

- Workgroup Recommendations on Standards
- Need Standard and Utilization Projections

II. Discuss Draft Proposed Need Standard

- Are the proposed changes of MHCC staff aligned with the promotion of greater capacity and access for appropriate subgroups of psychiatric patients?
- Does anyone have concerns about the implementation and interpretation of the need standard?
- Is the threshold selected, four beds, appropriate for the patients who have historically been underserved?
- Have appropriate groups been identified as those historically underserved?
- How important is it to incorporate regional utilizations that applicants must address? Should an applicant only be expected to provide a service-area level needs assessment and address the needs determination for historically underserved populations?
- Are the minimum average annual psychiatric bed occupancy rates reasonable?
- Is additional data collection needed in order to best implement the proposed approach for the need standard?

III. Health Planning Regions

- Should the health planning regions be defined as proposed or another way?
- Should health planning regions be defined differently for children, adolescents, and adults?

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IV. Geographic Accessibility

- Has optimal travel time been appropriately defined?
- Should a substantial improvement in travel time be objectively defined or is it best to give the Commission discretion in making this determination?

V. Adverse Impact Standard

- Does this standard appropriately focus on adverse impact for the population to be served rather than protecting existing providers? What are the benefits and risks of this approach?
- Should the standard quantify the level of reduction in availability or access that is acceptable?

VI. Issues and Policies

- What do you think about the revised description for Policy 4?
- Are the policies in alignment with the standards in the draft regulations?

VII. Next Steps

- Timeline for revised draft and Commission action