



## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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**Acute Psychiatric Services Workgroup Meeting**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

### Agenda & Discussion Guide

#### **I. May Meeting Summary**

- Introductions
- Review of suggested changes to meeting summary

#### **II. Evaluation of the Need for Additional Acute Psychiatric Bed Capacity**

- Overview of the process for identifying the need for psychiatric bed capacity in Maryland and other select states through Certificate of Need (CON) regulations
- What information do workgroup members regard as relevant to determining whether additional acute psychiatric bed capacity is needed?
- How readily can the relevant information be obtained by hospitals, MHCC, and other stakeholders?
- Should a psychiatric bed need forecast methodology be included in the CON regulations?

#### **III. Evaluation of the Need for Separate CON approval and standards by Age Group**

- Is it valuable to have separate Certificate of Need (CON) approval for child, adolescent, and adult beds? (Refer to standard 4a.)
- Should physical separation and programmatic distinctions be required for a hospital proposing to provide acute psychiatric services for two or more age groups? (Refer to standard 4b)
- Should CON regulations require that child and adolescent units include staff with experience and training for those specific age groups? (Refer to standard 12c)

#### **IV. Consideration of Other Specific Standards in the Current COMAR 10.24.07**

- Should standards (2a, 2b, and 2c) related to the handling of psychiatric patients presenting at a hospital's emergency department be maintained, modified, or deleted?
- Should standards (3a, 3b, and 3c) related to services required for acute psychiatric programs be maintained, modified, or deleted?
- Should standards (5, 6, and 7) that pertain to access to acute psychiatric services be maintained, modified, or deleted?
- Should standards (12a and 12b) that pertain to staffing requirements be maintained, modified, or deleted?