

Draft Proposed Policy Statements

The broad policies included in the State Health Plan chapter for residential treatment centers are intended to guide the Commission's regulation of the supply and distribution of residential treatment centers in Maryland and serve as a foundation for the development of specific standards in the State Health Plan chapter for residential treatment centers (RTC).

Draft Proposed Policy 1:

RTCs shall coordinate and work together with referral agencies for RTCs, hospitals, and other community providers to create and maintain a seamless mental health system that offers a comprehensive continuum of care for children and adolescents in Maryland.

Draft Proposed Policy 2:

Residential treatment centers shall provide care in the most cost-effective manner for the health care delivery system that is consistent with safely and appropriately meeting the health care needs of the population served by RTCs.

Draft Proposed Policy 3:

Residential treatment centers shall be accessible to children and adolescents who need to be treated in them. RTCs will strive to reduce barriers to service for the underserved populations that stem from finances, geography, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Draft Proposed Policy 4:

All residential treatment centers shall continuously and systematically work to improve the quality and safety of patient care, including by evaluating the efficacy of services provided by RTCs through outcome measures.

Draft Proposed Policy 5:

Residential treatment centers shall consider smart and sustainable growth policies, as well as green design principles in facility or center design choices.