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**TO:** Commissioners

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Chief, Certificate of Need

**SUBJECT:** DWI Services, Inc., d/b/a Avenues Recovery Center of Maryland  
Docket No. 22-04-2455

Enclosed is the staff report and recommendation for a Certificate of Need (CON) application filed by DWI Services, Inc., d/b/a/ Avenues Recovery Center of Maryland (Avenues), to establish a new 20 bed Track One Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) for adults providing a program of withdrawal management and treatment services consistent with ASAM Level 3.7 for patients needing medically monitored intensive inpatient services. The proposed program will operate in an existing 93-bed alcoholism and drug abuse ICF located at 125 Fairground Road in Prince Frederick, Calvert County.

The establishment of this existing center as an ICF will not require construction or renovation expenditures. The total estimated cost for the proposed project is \$55,000. The applicant will fund the project with cash.

Commission staff analyzed the proposed project's compliance with the applicable State Health Plan criteria and standards in COMAR 10.24.14 and the other applicable CON review criteria at COMAR 10.24.01.08, and recommends that the project be APPROVED with the following conditions:

1. Avenues Recovery Center of Maryland shall document the provision of a minimum of 15% of patient days to indigent and gray area patients, as defined at COMAR 10.24.14.08B(9) and (11), by submitting annual reports auditing its total days and the provision of days to indigent and gray area patients as a percentage of total days. Such audit reports shall be submitted to the Commission following each fiscal year, from the project's inception and continuing for five years thereafter;
2. Avenues Recovery Center of Maryland must receive preliminary accreditation for the Level 3.7 services it will provide, including withdrawal management and post-withdrawal treatment programming, by The Joint Commission (TJC) or another accrediting body approved by the Maryland Department of Health prior to First Use approval by the Commission, and must timely receive final accreditation by TJC or another approved accrediting body [COMAR 10.24.14.05H];



3. Avenues Recovery of Maryland shall notify the Commission and the Behavioral Health Administration, in writing, within fifteen days after it receives notice that its accreditation has been revoked or suspended or should it lose its State license. If its accreditation has been revoked or suspended for reasons related to health or safety or it loses its State license, Avenues Recovery of Maryland shall cease operation until the Behavioral Health Administration notifies the Commission that the deficiencies have been corrected. [COMAR 10.24.14.05H];