



**Facilities Requesting to be an Emergency Facility
FY 2025**

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Executive Summary

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH), per Health–General Article §§ 10-620 and 10-621, designates psychiatric emergency facilities, referred to as “Emergency Facilities,” to ensure access to urgent and acute behavioral health services. Previously limited to licensed general hospitals with emergency rooms, this designation has now expanded to include a broader range of settings, such as crisis response centers, stabilization centers, treatment centers, and outpatient mental health clinics that meet Maryland's Model Program Standards.

To support transparency and oversight, MDH is required to report annually to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the implementation and impact of this expanded designation. On or before September 30 each year, the Department must report on: (1) the number of facilities that have sought designation as Emergency Facilities; (2) how many of those facilities have attempted to meet the Model Facility Standards developed under § 10-620(c); (3) the progress of those facilities toward meeting the standards; (4) the development of collaborative models between state, local, and private entities; and (5) whether, in consultation with stakeholders, the Department has determined that changes to the Model Facility Standards are necessary.

As of May 27, 2024, Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Centers (BHCSCs) are eligible for automatic inclusion as an emergency facility upon licensure, in line with the 2025 SAMHSA Model Definitions for High-Intensity Behavioral Health Emergency Centers (SAMHSA).

In Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), Maryland maintained a total of 44 designated facilities, primarily hospital emergency departments.¹

Key accomplishments in FY25 include:

1. Real-time public access to facility listings on the [MDH State Psychiatric Facilities webpage](#), improving transparency and access for stakeholders.
2. Expansion of eligible facility types, thereby enhancing the continuum of crisis care.
3. Ongoing collaboration among State, local, and private entities to strengthen integrated behavioral health emergency systems.

MDH and stakeholders concluded that no changes to the current Model Facility Standards are necessary, confirming their continued relevance and effectiveness. MDH remains dedicated to expanding BHCSCs statewide to enhance Maryland's behavioral health crisis response network.

Emergency Facilities Overview

Health-General Article § 10-620, Annotated Code of Maryland defines a Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facility (referred to as “Emergency Facility”) as a facility that has been formally designated by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). This designation primarily applies to licensed general hospitals that have emergency rooms, unless MDH, in consultation with the local health officer, grants an exemption.

According to Health-General Article § 10-621, Annotated Code of Maryland, Emergency Facilities may include types of settings beyond hospital emergency departments. Eligible facilities can consist of:

¹ The Dyer Care Center in Prince George's County was designated an emergency facility in FY25. The Center operated from September 2024 until July 2025. Services were temporarily paused at the end of July to allow the jurisdiction to seek a new vendor.

- Comprehensive crisis response centers
- Crisis stabilization centers
- Crisis treatment centers (as defined in Health-General § 7.5-207)
- Outpatient mental health clinics

To qualify for this designation, these facilities must adhere to Maryland's Model Program Standards.

The Emergency Facility designation in Maryland now includes Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center (BHSC) programs, a newly established licensed service effective May 27, 2024, [Code of Maryland Regulations \(COMAR\) 10.63.03.21](#) and [COMAR 10.09.16.05](#). This inclusion is significant, as it expands the range of facilities that can provide emergency psychiatric care. This level of care meets all the requirements outlined in Maryland's Model Program Structure of Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facilities (see Appendix A) and adheres to the standards set forth in the [2025 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) Model Definitions for Behavioral Health Emergency, Crisis, and Crisis-Related Services](#), specifically under the category of High-Intensity Behavioral Health Emergency Centers. Therefore, once a BHSC program is licensed, it will automatically be included on the Emergency Facility list.

FY2025 report on Designated Emergency Facilities in Maryland

In Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25), Maryland had 44 designated psychiatric emergency facilities, with nearly all being hospital emergency departments (see Appendix B). In FY25, MDH added one new facility to the list of designated emergency facilities; as noted in the Executive Summary, that new facility is temporarily closed as the jurisdiction seeks a new vendor. The list of these designated facilities is now available online on the [MDH State Psychiatric Facilities webpage](#).

This online listing allows the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to provide real-time updates and improve public access to this information for all stakeholders.

Dissemination of the List of Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facilities (Reporting Requirement 1)

In September 2024, the list of [Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facilities](#) became available online on the [MDH State Psychiatric Facilities webpage](#), which now allows for real-time updates and access to the information by all local health departments, judges, sheriff's offices, police stations, Local Behavioral Health Authorities, and Secret Service offices throughout the State.

Facilities that sought to be designated as an emergency facility (Reporting Requirements 2.a., b., c., d.)

During the reporting period, one facility, The Dyer Care Center in Prince George's County, was designated as an emergency facility.

- The Dyer Care Center in Prince George's County, which became licensed as a BHCSC in August 2024, was designated as an emergency facility. This center operated as an emergency facility from September 2024 through June 2025. However, the vendor operating this BHCSC facility ceased service provision on July 31, 2025, and as a result, this emergency facility has paused operations until a new vendor is established.

Development of collaborative models between State, local, and private entities (Reporting Requirements 2.d., e.)

MDH regularly collaborates with local jurisdictions and providers to develop a statewide continuum of integrated, comprehensive, and equitable models for urgent and acute behavioral healthcare services. In FY25, MDH engaged in significant stakeholder engagement on community-based services, including crisis and emergency facilities, related to revising the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.63 et. seq., which includes outpatient mental health

centers and residential crisis centers. Sections of the regulations were withdrawn in August 2025 but MDH anticipates restarting the process in the Fall of 2025. This work will present an opportunity to review the *Model Program Structure of Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facilities* and to consider its alignment with accreditation and licensure activities.

Conclusion

MDH is actively collaborating with stakeholders to evaluate the addition of BHCSCs across the State, which would be classified as Emergency Facilities. This dedication to establishing a comprehensive urgent and acute behavioral health system fosters a sense of security and confidence in the future of our healthcare system.

Appendix A

2025 Designated Psychiatric Emergency Facilities List

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
U P M C Western Maryland	12500 Willowbrook Road	Cumberland	MD	21502	(240) 964-7000

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inc	2001 Medical Parkway	Annapolis	MD	21401	(443) 481-1000
UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center	301 Hospital Drive	Glen Burnie	MD	21061	(410) 595-1967

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Grace Medical Center	2000 West Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21223	(410) 362-3000
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center	4940 Eastern Avenue	Baltimore	MD	21224	(410) 550-0123
Johns Hopkins Hospital, The	600 North Wolfe Street	Baltimore	MD	21287	(410) 955-5000
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	201 East University Parkway	Baltimore	MD	21218	(410) 554-2227
Sinai Hospital Of Baltimore	2401 West Belvedere Avenue	Baltimore	MD	21215	(410) 601-5131
University Of Maryland Medical Center	22 South Greene Street	Baltimore	MD	21201	(410) 328-8667
University Of Md Medical Center Midtown Campus	827 Linden Avenue	Baltimore	MD	21201	(410) 225-8996

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center	9000 Franklin Square Drive	Rosedale	MD	21237	(443) 777-7850
Northwest Hospital Center	5401 Old Court Road	Randallstown	MD	21133	(410) 521-2200

University Of Md St Joseph Medical Center	7601 Osler Drive	Towson	MD	21204	(410) 337-1000
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Calvert Health Medical Center	100 Hospital Road	Prince Frederick	MD	20678	(410) 535-8240

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UM Shore Medical Ctr At Chestertown	100 Brown Street	Chestertown	MD	21620	(410) 778-7668
UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester	300 Byrn Street	Cambridge	MD	21613	(410) 228-5511
UM Shore Medical Center At Easton	219 South Washington Street	Easton	MD	21601	(410) 822-1000

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Carroll Hospital Center	200 Memorial Avenue	Westminster	MD	21157	(410) 848-3000

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Union Hospital Of Cecil County	106 Bow Street	Elkton	MD	21921	(410) 392-7009

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
University Of Md Charles Regional Medical Center	5 Garrett Avenue	La Plata	MD	20646	(301) 609-4265

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UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester	300 Byrn Street	Cambridge	MD	21613	(410) 228-5511

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Frederick Health Hospital	400 West Seventh St	Frederick	MD	21701	(240) 566-3300

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Garrett Regional Medical Center	251 North Fourth Street	Oakland	MD	21550	(301) 533-4173

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University Of Md Harford Memorial Hospital	501 South Union Avenue	Havre De Grace	MD	21078	(443) 643-3303
University Of Md Upper Chesapeake Medical Center	500 Upper Chesapeake Drive	Bel Air	MD	21014	(443) 643-3303

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Howard County General Hospital	5755 Cedar Lane	Columbia	MD	21044	(410) 740-7890

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UM Shore Medical Ctr At Chestertown	100 Brown Street	Chestertown	MD	21620	(410) 778-7668

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Adventist Healthcare Shady Grove Medical Center	9901 Medical Center Drive	Rockville	MD	20850	(240) 826-6527
Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center	11890 Healing Way	Silver Spring	MD	20904	(240) 637-4000
Holy Cross Hospital	1500 Forest Glen Road	Silver Spring	MD	20910	(301) 754-7000
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center	18101 Prince Philip Drive	Olney	MD	20832	(301) 774-8771

Suburban Hospital	8600 Old Georgetown Road	Bethesda	MD	20814	(301) 896-2576
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Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Ctr, Inc	8118 Good Luck Road	Lanham	MD	20706	(301) 552-8118
MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center	7503 Surratts Road	Clinton	MD	20735	(301) 868-8000
UM Laurel Medical Center	7300 Van Dusen Rd	Laurel	MD	20707	(301) 725-4300
University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center	3001 Hospital Drive	Cheverly	MD	20785	(301) 618-2000

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UM Shore Medical Ctr At Chestertown	100 Brown Street	Chestertown	MD	21620	(410) 778-7668
UM Shore Medical Ctr At Easton	219 South Washington Street	Easton	MD	21601	(410) 822-1000

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Medstar Saint Mary's Hospital	25500 Point Lookout Road	Leonardtown	MD	20650	(301) 475-6001

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Tidal Health Peninsula Regional, Inc	100 East Carroll Avenue	Salisbury	MD	21801	(410) 546-6400

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
UM Shore Medical Center At Easton	219 South Washington Street	Easton	MD	21601	(410) 822-1000

Facility_Name	Facility_Address	Facility_City	Facility_State	Facility_Zip	Facility_Ph one
Meritus Medical Center	11116 Medical Campus Road	Hagerstown	MD	21742	(240) 313-9500

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Tidal Health Peninsula Regional, Inc	100 East Carroll Avenue	Salisbury	MD	21801	(410) 546-6400

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