

Updates Title 10

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 07 HOSPITALS

10.07.01 Acute General Hospitals and Special Hospitals

Authority: Health-General Article, §§19-307.2, 19-308, 19-308.6, 19-308.8, 19-318—19-320, 19-323, 19-342, 19-349.1, and 19-380—19-385; Insurance Article, Title 4, Subtitle 4; Public Safety Article, §14-110.1; Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Incorporation by Reference.

The following documents are incorporated by reference:

[The] A. Guidelines for [the] Design and Construction of Hospitals [and Outpatient Facilities], The Facilities Guidelines Institute [(2014 Edition),](2022 Edition); and [is incorporated by reference, with the following exceptions:

- A. 2.3 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Emergency Department, pp. 211—213;
 - B. 3.3 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Outpatient Diagnostic and Treatment Facilities, pp. 295—296;
 - C. 3.4 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Birthing Center, pp. 297—302;
 - D. 3.5 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Urgent Care Centers, pp. 303—306; and
 - E. 3.6 Specific Requirements for Freestanding Cancer Treatment Facilities, pp. 307—309.]
- B. 2025 Hospital Accreditation Standards, Elements of Performance, The Joint Commission, (December 15, 2024).

.08 Complaint Investigations.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Complaints.

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) If the Department determines that the hospital has not satisfactorily addressed the referred complaint or if the complaint alleges the existence of a life-threatening deficiency, the Department shall conduct an independent investigation. When conducting its independent investigation, the Department shall use *the standards adopted by the Secretary under this subtitle and:*

(a) For an accredited hospital, [the standards of review of The Joint Commission] *the hospital accreditation standards of the accreditation organization that accredits the hospital;*

(b) For an accredited special rehabilitation hospital, [the standards of review of the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities] *the service standards adopted by the Secretary in Regulation .10 of this chapter;* or

(c) For a nonaccredited hospital, the standards adopted by the Secretary [under this subtitle] *in Regulation .09 of this chapter.*

.09 Service Standards — Nonaccredited Hospitals.

A. Acute General Hospitals and Special Hospitals. *Nonaccredited acute general and special hospitals shall comply with The [2013] Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Standards [(July Update, The Joint Commission, One Renaissance Blvd., Oakbrook, Illinois 60181), is incorporated by reference.]*

B. (text unchanged)

.28 Emergency and Disaster Plan.

A. A licensed acute general hospital or special hospital shall comply with the Emergency Management standards outlined in [the] *The Joint Commission's Hospital Accreditation Standards [(2009 Edition), pages 47—68 with the exception of standard EM.02.02.13, pages 61—65.]*

B.—C. (text unchanged)

.30 Physical Environment.

A. (text unchanged)

(1) *The Facilities Guidelines Institute's Guidelines for [the] Design and Construction of Hospitals [and Outpatient Facilities (2014)];* and

(2) (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)

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