

# Title 10

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Subtitle 21 Mental Hygiene Regulations

#### ***10.21.31 Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System***

*Authority: Health-General Article, §7.5-802, Annotated Code of Maryland*

**.01 Scope.**

*This chapter applies to:*

- A. Hospitals under Health-General Article, Title 19, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- B. Freestanding medical facilities under Health-General Article, Title 19, Subtitle 3(a), Annotated Code of Maryland; and*
- C. Any other provider type designated by the Department by issuance of a transmittal sent to all designated providers.*

**.02 Definitions.**

*A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

- (1) "Department" means the Maryland Department of Health.*
- (2) "Facility" means a hospital, freestanding medical facility, or provider designated by the Department.*
- (3) "Hospital" means a general or special hospital licensed under Health-General Article, Title 19, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 10.07.01.*
- (4) "Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System" or "Bed Registry and Referral System" means the system operated by the Department through which health care providers can identify and access available inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services for patients.*

**.03 Use.**

*A facility shall:*

- A. Refer an individual who may require additional care coordination for inpatient, outpatient, or community based behavioral health services, after undergoing an initial psychiatric evaluation, no later than 48 hours after arrival at the facility at a phone number or website address designated by the Department through written directives to implement the Bed Registry and Referral System; and*
- B. Provide all necessary patient information including, but not limited to, diagnosis and level of care recommendations to the respective care coordination centers.*

**.04 Daily Reporting.**

*A facility shall, report current bed availability and census information, and any additional relevant information requested by the Department, to populate the inpatient psychiatric bed board as necessary to keep the information updated, but not less than three times per day, during the following periods:*

- A. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.;*
- B. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; and*
- C. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

**.05 Penalties.**

- A. A hospital who violates this chapter is subject to the fines, penalties, and actions specified in Health-General Article, Title 19, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
- B. A provider who violates this chapter is subject to the fines, penalties, and actions specified in Health-General Article, Title 7.5, Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 10.63.*

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