

~~(1) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY AND THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY; OR~~

~~(2) (I) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY AND THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART ARE LOCATED IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES; AND~~

~~(II) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY IS LOCATED WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE COUNTY LINE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART IS LOCATED.~~

19-3A-01.

In this subtitle, "freestanding medical facility" means a facility:

- (1) In which medical and health services are provided;
 - (2) That is physically separate from a hospital or hospital grounds;
- and
- (3) That is an administrative part of a hospital or related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title.

19-3A-03.

(a) The Department shall issue a license to a freestanding medical facility that:

(1) Meets the licensure requirements under this subtitle; and

(2) Receives approval from the Maryland Health Care Commission under the regulations required under § 19-131 of this title.

(b) A freestanding medical facility that uses in its title or advertising the word "emergency" or other language indicating to the public that medical treatment for immediately life-threatening medical conditions exist at that facility shall be licensed by the Department before it may operate in this State.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2) of this section, the Department may not require a freestanding medical facility pilot project to be approved by the Maryland Health Care Commission as a condition of licensure.

~~(d) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT REQUIRE A FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY THAT IS~~