

(d) "Department" shall mean the Department of Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland.

(e) "Facility" shall mean any clinic, hospital, or other institution, public or private, other than a Veterans' Administration Hospital, which purports to or does provide treatment or other services for persons having any mental disorder.

(f) "Mental disorder" means mental illness or mental retardation or any other form of behavioral or emotional illness resulting from any psychiatric or neurological disorder.

(g) "Mental illness" means any mental disorder, other than mental retardation, which so substantially impairs the mental or emotional functioning of an individual as to make it necessary or advisable for the welfare of the person so suffering or for the safety of the persons or property of others that the mentally ill person receive care and treatment. The term shall replace the words "insane", "insanity", "lunacy", "mentally sick", "mental disease", "unsound mind" and similar words as they appear in the statutes of the State of Maryland but does not include mental retardation.

(h) "Mental retardation" means a degree of subnormality of intellectual development expected to be of life duration which reduces the individual's capability to manage himself or his affairs. The term shall replace the terms "defective", "mental defective", "idiot", "feeble minded" and "moron" as they may appear in the statutes of the State of Maryland.

(i) "Psychiatrist" shall mean any person licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland who devotes a substantial proportion of his time to the practice of psychiatry.

(j) "Physician" shall mean any person licensed by the State of Maryland to practice medicine in the State.

(k) "Release" shall mean any discharge, parole or other departure from a facility or a Veterans' Administration Hospital; by and with the consent of someone having authority to consent to such departure; of any patient of such facility or Veterans' Administration Hospital whether on a permanent or temporary, absolute or conditional basis.

(l) "Responsible relative" means, for the purpose of reimbursement of cost of care and treatment, the spouse of a patient, parent or parents of a child or children under the age of 21 years, or a child or children of patients receiving care and treatment in public facilities. No liability shall be imposed by this definition on the spouse or child of any patient who has been abandoned by that patient. Abandonment as used herein shall be defined by the Department of Mental Hygiene in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(m) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland.

(n) "Treatment" means any process by which professional care or attention is given to any patient in a facility with the end in mind to either improve or prevent the worsening of any mental disorder.