

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

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(a) The jurisdiction of this law includes all "hospitals" and "related institutions" to which are admitted or retained in residence for overnight care or which provide directly or through contract arrangements home health care services for two or more nonrelated individuals needing medical, nursing, personal, or domiciliary care as described and classified in this section except that in the case of homes offering domiciliary care only, the jurisdiction begins with homes having four or more nonrelated individuals but this law may not be construed to include any dispensary or first-aid treatment facilities maintained solely for and limited to services for employees or students of any commercial or industrial plant, educational institution, or convent, county home or almshouse, motels, hotels, apartments and facilities maintaining services for persons capable of independent living.

(b) "Hospital" as herein used is defined as any institution which falls within the jurisdiction of this subtitle and maintains and operates facilities for the provision of diagnostic and treatment services for two (2) or more nonrelated patients under the supervision of physicians who are members of an organized medical staff of not less than (5) legally, ethically and professionally qualified physicians.

(c) Hospitals shall be classified as general or special hospitals as follows:

(1) General hospitals shall meet the definition in subsection (b) above and shall maintain facilities and services necessary for (but not limited to) the general medical and surgical care of patients.

(2) Special hospitals shall meet the definition in subsection (b) above but shall limit admission of patients to those having medical or surgical needs which fall within the scope of the program defined by the institution and maintain facilities and provide specialized services such as obstetrical, mental, tuberculosis, orthopedic, chronic disease, rehabilitation, or communicable disease to meet the needs of the patients admitted.

(d) (1) "Related institutions" means any organized institution, environment, or home which falls within the