

Defined terms: "Includes"/"including" § 1-101
"Secretary" § 1-101 "Treatment" § 10-101

10-903. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

(1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY MAY APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) A COUNTY SHALL APPLY BY SUBMITTING ANNUALLY TO THE DIRECTOR, FOR APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY, A PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

(B) INTERCOUNTY PROGRAM.

THE GOVERNING BODIES OF TWO OR MORE COUNTIES MAY APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTIES IF:

(1) THE POPULATION OF ONE OF THE COUNTIES IS TOO SMALL TO WARRANT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR THAT COUNTY; AND

(2) THE DIRECTOR CONSENTS.

(C) ELIGIBILITY.

A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER PART I OF THIS SUBTITLE UNLESS:

(1) ITS PLAN AND BUDGET CONFORM TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE PRIORITIES SET UNDER IT; AND

(2) THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEET THE STANDARDS THAT THE SECRETARY SETS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 43, § 1J(g) and (c)(2), as that paragraph related to establishing a program.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to Baltimore City is deleted as unnecessary in light of the use of the defined term "county".

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former references to "desiring to establish" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the word "may".

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, reference