

Article - Health - General  
Section 10-525  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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10-525.

(A) IN THIS SECTION "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(B) BY MARCH 1, 1985, THE DIRECTOR SHALL PREPARE A 5-YEAR MASTER PLAN THAT:

(1) IDENTIFIES THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A MENTAL DISORDER, WHO ARE PRESENTLY RESIDING IN A STATE FACILITY AND WHO CAN APPROPRIATELY BE PLACED IN A COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM;

(2) IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED AS HAVING A MENTAL DISORDER, WHO PRESENTLY RESIDE IN THE COMMUNITY AND ARE AT RISK OF FUTURE INSTITUTIONALIZATION;

(3) IDENTIFIES THE EXTENT OF THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES;

(4) IDENTIFIES THE EXTENT OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT SERVICES IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE ORDERLY TRANSFER OF INAPPROPRIATELY INSTITUTIONALIZED INDIVIDUALS AND TO SERVE THOSE INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY AND AT RISK OF INSTITUTIONALIZATION; AND

(5) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A MENTAL DISORDER AND WHO IS APPROPRIATE FOR AND IN NEED OF SUCH SERVICES.

(C) THE PLAN SHALL BE UPDATED BY MARCH OF EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR.

(D) (1) THE PLAN SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AS FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE BUDGET.

(2) THE PLAN SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER WHICH INSURES AN ORDERLY TRANSITION OF INDIVIDUALS INTO THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AS DETERMINED BY THE PLAN.