

2. AT LEAST 5 YEARS OF WORK IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND

(II) ANY OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH THAT THE SECRETARY REQUIRES BY RULE OR REGULATION.

(3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADDICTION, VICTIM, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NEED NOT BE A PHYSICIAN, IF THE DIRECTOR HAS AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR WHO:

(I) IS A PHYSICIAN; AND

(II) MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

[(f)] (H) (1) "Mental disorder" means a behavioral or emotional illness that results from a psychiatric or neurological disorder.

(2) "Mental disorder" includes a mental illness that so substantially impairs the mental or emotional functioning of an individual as to make care or treatment necessary or advisable for the welfare of the individual or for the safety of the person or property of another.

(3) "Mental disorder" does not include mental retardation.

[(g)] (I) "State Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene.

[(h)] (J) "State facility" means a facility that is owned or operated by the Department.

[(i)] (K) "Treatment" means any professional care or attention that is given in a facility, private therapeutic group home for children and adolescents, or Veterans' Administration hospital to improve or to prevent the worsening of a mental disorder.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of this Act that in Montgomery County, the Director of the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services shall act in lieu of the county health officer for purposes of implementing Titles 8, 9, and 10 of the Health - General Article.

SECTION 2 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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