

accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of HealthCare Organizations (JCAHO); authorizing the use of current applicable JCAHO standards when conducting inspections of residential treatment centers; making certain technical changes to the law related to the licensure of hospitals and related institutions; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the standards and inspections of certain residential treatment centers by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Health – General  
 Section 19-309(b) and 19-319(c)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Health – General  
 Section 19-301, ~~19-307(b)~~, and 19-308  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)  
 (As enacted by Chapter 147 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996)

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

**Article – Health – General**

19-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Accredited hospital” means a hospital accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of ~~Hospitals~~ HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS.

(c) “ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER” MEANS A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER THAT IS ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ~~HEALTH—CARE~~ HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS.

[(c)](D) “Apartment unit” means any space, in a residential building, that is enclosed and self-contained and has a sanitary environment, if the space includes:

- (1) 2 or more rooms;
- (2) A direct exit to a thoroughfare or to a common element leading to a thoroughfare;
- (3) Facilities for living, sleeping, and eating; and
- (4) At least the following facilities for cooking:
  - (i) Storage space for food and utensils;