

~~LOCATED IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY TO BE APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE IF:~~

~~(1) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY AND THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY; OR~~

~~(2) (i) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY AND THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART ARE LOCATED IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES; AND~~

~~(ii) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY IS LOCATED WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE COUNTY LINE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH THE FACILITY IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PART IS LOCATED.~~

19-3A-07.

(a) There [is a] ARE TWO freestanding medical facility pilot [project] PROJECTS THAT SHALL OPERATE IN TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATE.

(b) The Department shall issue a freestanding medical facility license to:

(1) [one] ONE freestanding medical facility pilot project if:

[(1)] (I) The freestanding medical facility pilot project is established by, and will operate administratively as part of, an acute care general hospital;

[(2)] (II) The acute care general hospital is part of a merged asset system with all of its existing Maryland acute care general hospitals located in a single jurisdiction;

[(3)] (III) There are not more than 5 acute care general hospitals in the jurisdiction;

[(4)] (IV) One or more of the existing acute care general hospitals in the merged asset system has an emergency department volume of 75,000 or more visits for the 12 months ending June 30, 2004;

[(5)] (V) The freestanding medical facility pilot project will operate in Montgomery County;

[(6)] (VI) The capital expenditure to implement the freestanding medical facility pilot project otherwise meets the requirements of § 19-120(k)(6)(viii) of this title; and