

[(7)] (VII) The freestanding medical facility pilot project meets the requirements under § 19-3A-02(b) of this subtitle; AND

(2) ONE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY PILOT PROJECT IF:

(I) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY PILOT PROJECT IS ESTABLISHED BY, AND WILL OPERATE ADMINISTRATIVELY AS PART OF, AN ACUTE CARE GENERAL HOSPITAL LOCATED IN TALBOT COUNTY;

(II) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY PILOT PROJECT WILL OPERATE IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;

(III) 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

(IV) THE FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITY PILOT PROJECT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 19-3A-02(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(c) (1) A freestanding medical facility pilot project shall provide to the Maryland Health Care Commission information, as specified by the Commission, on the configuration, location, operation, and utilization, including patient-level utilization, of the pilot project.

(2) A certificate of need is not required for a freestanding medical facility pilot project.

(d) (1) This subsection applies to:

(i) Individual, group, or blanket health insurance policies and contracts delivered or issued for delivery in the State by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations; and

(ii) Medicaid managed care organizations.

(2) An entity subject to this subsection shall pay the claim for covered services submitted by a freestanding medical facility pilot project at rates consistent with the contract between the entity and the freestanding medical facility pilot project.

(e) The Maryland Medical Assistance Program shall pay a fee-for-service claim submitted by a freestanding medical facility pilot project at a rate at least equal to the rate paid by Medicare.